# Union orders end to strike by private steelmen

night to obey the Court of Appeal's instruction not to extend the state steel strike to the private sector. Union officials earlier made wagon.

Leaders of the Iron and Steel official complaints alleging use of Trades Confederation voted last excessive force by police when arresting 42 pickets. One said the police had started handcuffing the men before putting them in the

# Bitter attack on Lord Denning

By Paul Routledge Labour Editor

An instruction will go out today from the Iron and Steel Trades Confederation countermanding union orders involving 20,000 private sector workers in the stoppage that has balted the British Steel Corporation since

January 2.

Last night the union was bitterly critical of the ruling by Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls, that the strike should not be extended and admitted that some of its members might not toe the executive's line.

Mr William Sirs, general sec-retary of the confederation, said: "Whatever was in Lord Denning's judgment is being applied as per Lord Denning. As a magistrate I want to follow the letter of the law. I want the members to do that.

"I would not be impressed if they did not. But they have been law-abiding citizens. They have agreed to accept even the law of Lord Denning."

Leaders of the confederation will meet Mr Len Murray, general secretary of the TUC,

today to discuss the negotia-tions that have opened up the prospect of an agreement up the prospect of an agreement on pay and productivity with craftsmen and general workers employed by British Steel.

But there seems little likelihood of a similar resumption of negotiations for the 100,000 steel process workers and blast furnacement who became the furnacemen who began the strike. The confederation does not think that British Steel's offer is sufficiently worthwhile to bring its negotiators to

Unioc officials yesterday made official complaints alleging the excess use of force by police after 42 pickets bad been arrested during a day in which strikers' attitudes

At Pontypool 13 pickets were

charged with obstruction fol-

lowing scuffles outside Walker-steel stockholders. At Newport

26 pickets were released on bail after pleading not guilty to charges arising from incidents ourside GKN Steelstock Ltd.

Mr Keith Brookman, a divi-

sional organiser for the Iron and Steel Trades Confederation,

complained officially to the police after the incidents. He

said their attitude towards his

members seemed to be "esca-

He added: "I find it rather

From Tim Jores and Donald Macintyre

on Friday to consider the outcome of the union's applica-tion for leave to appeal to the Law Lords against the Court

of Appeal's decision.

If the Lords agree to hear
the appeal, and rule in favour of the confederation, the strike in the private sector will be on

Mr Sirs said after the confederation executive meeting: a union which obeys not only the letter but the spirit of the law. We accept the fact that the law is paramount because without law there is anarchy.
"We resent most bitterly the partisan approach of the Court of Appeal towards us and, in particular, the favoured treat-ment of the employers in their appeal and the unfair treatment

Nevertheless, this judgment is valid until it has been re-versed and we would be be-traying our principles if we refused to accept the directions which have been given."

Confederation leaders were

faced yesterday with dozens of pickets from the steel areas who insisted on hearing what the executive had decided the executive had decided before it was communicated to the media.
Other pickets went to the

Law Courts in the Strand to protest about Lord Demning's ruling. Four were allowed in to register their strong feelings to court officials.

Mr Sits refused to be drawn on what might happen if em-ployees at nearly 30 works brought into the strike but not covered by the court order de-The executive has been clined to follow the new in-called into emergency session structions.

Police accused by pickets

vent two company forries mov-ing out of the plant. The arrests were made as police moved into clear a path for

Mr Terence Wall, general manager of Walkersteel, said: "The trouble started in spite

of all our efforts to reach agreement with the pickets

Although 80 per cent of our business depends on contract

lorries, we were only using our own small fleet. None of our

30 workers wants to join this

At Guest, Keen and Nettle-folds, Cardiff, some of the 100 pickets received minor injuries

as they pressed forward to pre-

vent a small van driven by a customer from leaving

that some members will go back before they are told offici-ally to do so, but others may follow local strike committees and stay out.

Mr Sirs said that it was essen-tial that the public and steel workers appreciated the circumstances leading to the decision in the Court of Appeal on Saturday.

"The decision of our executive to call out members in the private sector was taken in the honest and sincere belief that our action was perfectly legiti-mate under the law of the land as declared by statutes, and in particular as defined by the House of Lords in recent decisions culminating in the case of Express Newspapers v Mc-Shane", he said.

"In the latter case, the House of Lords overruled and set aside a decision of the Court of Appeal on facts which wa think are indistinguishable from the facts in our case. It is of the utmost significance that two of the Court of Appeal judges were the same in that case as in ours, namely Lord Denning and Lord Justice Laughton."

Our Industrial Editor writes: The ISTC executive decision was welcomed by the British Independent Steel Producers' Association lest night. The association which represents more than 100 independent companies, said: "We are only too pleased that common sense has prevailed and that the law has helped us to uphold our work



Dr Billy Graham outside Christ Church, Oxford, yesterday. He is to preach in the city and in Cambridge.

# Female donor for heart transplant man

By Nicholas Timmios Mr Nigel Olney, aged 35, whose heart condition last year helped heart condition last year helped to save him from imprisonment, yesterday became Britain's eighth heart transplant patient.

Mr Olney, a chiropodist, of Stanbridge Road. Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire, received the transplant in an operation which lasted for five hours and seven minutes. It began shortly since this dispute began the police have started handcuffing some of the men before putting them in the wagon."

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The donor was Carol Morris, who died on Monday after a road accident close to her home in Houghton on the Hill, near Leicester, on Friday.

man denied this.
Today the 3,000 strikers at GKN will be advised to return to work in accordance with an executive decision. A mass meeting will be held this morning. Her father, Mr George Yesterday's incidents indi-cated increased frustration had carried a donor's card for among the pickets as manage— ments, desperate to retain their her wish that if anything hapcustomers and to fulfil their pened to her, her body or parts orders, continued to move steel of it should be used for medical

A Port Talbot man will The hospital said last night appear before Swanser maginariates today charged with tion was good. "His heart is assault after an incident outside the Signode steel steel at the side the Signode steel steel at the side the Signode steel steel at the side the side of the s assault after an incident out working satisfactorily.

side the Signode steel strapping Air Oiney, father of two
plant at Swansea. It occurred
as 100 men picketed the plant,
his parents, was given an 18-

ded for two years, at Bedford Crown Court last year, after admitting four offences of deception and four of false accounting and asking for 252 other offences to be taken into account, He worked for Bedfordshire Area Health

Authority.

The Chiropodists' disciplinary committee suspended judgment on Mr Olney's case for two years in November after being told that a transplant was the only chance of improv-The transplant, the fourth within a year at Papworth Hos-

pital, was again carried out by a team led by Mr Terence Eng-lish, the beart surgeon, who was born in South Africa.
Mr Olney's parents, John and
Ruth, were allowed a sight of

their son through the glass door of the barrier room where Mr Olney is in intensive care.

The transplant was the fourth carried out by Mr English with the help of a 550,000 grant from the National Heart Research Fund. The cost of a successful transplant is put at between £15,000 and £18,000 in the first

Professor John Goodwin, a member of the Government's Transplant Advisory Panel, said Dr English's results were "immensely encouraging".

Cabinet meeting.

warnings.

The present conference is on the 27th floor of City Hall, con-

# Tory MPs shocked at defence cash limits

By Fred Emery Political Editor Conservative backbench MPs

expressed deep concern last night that the Government's spending limits might prevent the 3 per cent increase on de-fence next year which Mrs Margaret Thatcher has prom-

Such a faltering when the Prime Minister has been issuing stout warnings of counter-measures against Soviet aggression is seen as incredible and politically intolerable by some of Mrs Thatcher's own suppor-

Mr Robert Atkins, Conserva-tive MP for Preston, North, and vice-chairman of the party de-fence committee, said last night that he wanted "stifled at birth" any move by Trea-sury ministers to hold down the increase.

He had tabled a question for

He had tabled a question for Mr Francis Pynt, Secretary of State for Defence, asking him state for Derence, asking min to give the proposed increase in next year's defence budget. Mr Atkins yesterday asked Mrs Thatcher at question time to follow the United States ex-ample, and consider increasing defence spending by up to 10 per cent.
The Prime Minister said there

that to be economic growth that; only then could "a great deal more" be considered.

The latest official estimate of expected outturn of defence spending this year is £7,824m, with next year's planned spending at £8,062m, an increase of just over 3 per cent, or £238m. Yesterday the Treasury could not say whether the expected outturn had dropped, which is

key part of the calculation. The first overt sign of what one newspaper hinted might be Mr Pym's "campaign" against his cost-cutting Treasury colleagues came during Monday's Commons debate on the east-

A member of the Commons Select Committee on Defence, Mr Cranley Onslow, MP for Woking, assounded some of his colleagues by asking the Prime Minister to emphasize that this would be the worst moment to set an example to our allies by cutting defence spending."

Mrs Thatcher clearly did not welcome the questioin. She said she hoped it was clear "that the Government are resolved to play their full part in Nato and to increase their expendi-ture by 3 per cent over the outturn this year".

This is no more than a reiteration of what lest November's White Paper stated. However, much depends on the word "outturn", and on the cash limimt assumption that the Government applies to next cutting defence spending

The assumption is that the Government will in its March White Paper on further 1980-81 cuts, set out an estimate of 14 per cent for the increases in costs and prices.

Service pay increases due under "comparability", and the real increase in defence spending would be less than the bold

Others were more suspicious of the Cabine: line-up, and one prediction was that the issue might be settled at tomorrow's

The threadbare state of Britain's civil and home defences will be examined candidly tonight in the final espisode of the BBC 1 series "War School", assuming it is transmitted.

# Canada smuggles four **US** diplomats and two wives out of Iran

can diplomats and two of their wives flew from Iran on scheduled flights at the weekend. posing as Canadian diplo-matic staff, Miss Flora MacDonald, the Canadian Exter-nal Affairs Minister, announced today.

She said the covert operation was a reason for Canada's temporary closure of its embassy in Tehran yesterday, after the Americans and the last four Canadian staff had left Iran.

Miss MacDonald said tite six Americans were not in the United States Embassy compound when it was seized by militant students on November 4 last. They asked for refuge in the Canadian Embassy soon afterwards. She said the covert operation

the Canadian Embassy soon afterwards.

The six who escaped capture were hidden in Canadian Embassy homes and were given Canadian diplomatic passports, while Mr Ken Taylor, the Canadian Ambassador, waited for a good opportunity to get them out of Iran.

Miss MacDonald said she could not confirm a report in the Montreal newspaper La Presse that Iranian diplomatic visas were forged on the passports with help from United States secret services.

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The six Americans, agricultural or consular officials, left Tehran on scheduled flights at the weekend and went to an American base in West Germany, from where they would fly home, she said. Mr Taylor, whose conduct she praised highly, had left with the last Canadian staff members yesterday and was on holiday in Copenhagen. pennagen. Miss MacDonald said the

of the Americans came when attention was diverted from the bostages held at the American Embassy, by the Iranian presi-

Ottawa, Jan 29 .- Four Ameridential election last week and Afghanistan.
"We knew that each day they

stayed there, the danger was becoming greater," she said. Miss MacDonald said she was still very concerned for the safety and security of the American hostages in Tehran. That was why she had not dis-closed Canada's help in gerting

closed Canada's help in getting the six Americans out of Iran when she briefed reporters last night about the "temporary withdrawal" of Canadian Embassy staff.

"I didn't volunteer that information last night, and it didn't come from us . . ." Miss MacDonald said. "I would have preferred to see that this story had not come out, out of a had not come out, out of a sense that there may be some further concern about the hos-tages still in Tehran."

She said last night that Canada had closed its embassy —but did not break relations with Iran — because normal operations were impossible and the safety of staff was not guaranteed. The story of the six Americans was broken in Canada by

the Washington correspondent of La Presse, Jean Pelletier, who is the son of the Canadian Ambassador to France. He said Ambassacor to France. He said he had known since December 10 that the six were being hidden by the Canadians, but had not reported it "following explanations by the Canadian Government and the American authorities.".

United States officials confirmed Miss MacDonald's

account today.

Miss MacDonald said last night that Canada would not send resident diolomats back to Tehran until the bostages in the American Embassy were

# Promise of cash aid to meet soaring fuel bills

By Hugh Noyes Parkismentary Correspondent Westminster

Financial belp for those finding the greatest difficulty in paying their bearing bills was pledged yesterday in the Commons by two senior ministers, Mr Parick Jenkin, Secretary of State for Social Services, and Mr David Howell, Secretary of State for Energy.

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As anxious MPs on both sides of the House embarked on a debate on the large rises in gas prices amounced recently by the Government, Mr Jenkin said that the whole range of help to needy consumers was being reviewed. He recognized the anxiences but the price increase would not be reflected until heat summer's quarter.

until next summer's quarter. The economic impact would In that case several hundreds of millions of pounds could be would be before that.

lost" paying the 19.4 per cent

Late last night there were contradictory indications. Some MPs were inclined to believe that Mr Pym had won his cam-paign, that defence had been spared the predatory Treasury

the Camberley Staff College commandant, newly promoted Lieutenant-General Sir Thomas

# Labour's energy spokesman, on the Government's "callous disregard " for the consequences of inflation. The rise in gas prices would have a devastating effect on the cost of living and gravely prejudice the competi-tiveness of British industry. While agreeing that increases had to come, Dr Owen criticized their rate and pace

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# The Queen to meet the Pope

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will pay a state visit to Italy from October 14 to 17 at the conclusion of which they will meet the Pope at the Vatiwill meet the rope at the vac-can, it was announced from Buckingham Palace yesterday. During their visit, the royal couple will use the royal yacht Eritannia, now undergoing a refit at Portsmouth.
The Queen has met two pre-

vious Popes. As Princess Eliza-beth she called on Pope Pius XII in 1951-arousing the criticism of the Free Church of Scotland-and in 1961 when Queen, she and the Duke met Pope John XXIII.

Pope John showed the Queen

Fore join showed the Queen
special Vatican file on King
Henry VIII. who broke away
from the Church of Rome to
marry his second wife Anne
Boleyn.
Pope John Paul II, after his
best to Ireland last year said risit to Ireland last year, said be was willing to travel to

Britain to promote unity with the Church of England, "I am ready", he told reporters. A Buckingham Palace spokesman was unable yesterday to confirm that the Queen would be extending an invitation to the Pope to come to Britain. The state visit in October is

Sandro Pertini. It was announced in Brasilia vesterday that the Pope has accepted an official invitation visit Brazil, the world's largest Roman Catholic country.

at the invitation of President

### Arrest at North Sea terminal

A man was detained yesterday afternoon at Sumburgh Airport, Shetland, under the Prevention of Terrorism Act. The man, nged about 30, was stopped at the new Wilsness terminal. which handles exclusively flights to the North See oil rigs and feeder flights to Sulom Voe oil

He is being interviewed by cal detectives at Lerwick

# Californians blasé about the big earthquake He smoothly picked up the an earthquake in excess of aunounced the establishment of threads of his conversation on seven on the Richter Scale durable a National Earthquake Prediction petrol rationing would into the 1980s but living in a tion Evaluation Council and

Sheerness pickets, page 2 i month prison sentence, suspen-

From Ivor Davis Los Angeles, Jan 29

dispute."

At a dinner party the other day on the eleventh floor of a Los Angeles block of flats, the room suddenly began to shake.
The dinner plates did a quick
jig and wine glasses danced
precariously but did not spill

that was a three or at best 3.5" (a guess at what would

threads of his conversation on why petrol rationing would never work in southern never work in southern California and the tremor was

through factory gates.

quicky forgotten. Living in the shadow of an imminent earthquake does not. of Californians despite the fact that geologists, seismologists.

The host, who was in mid sentence, hardly blinked. He paused only long enough to note matter-of-factly "I'd say that was a three or at hest matter as a three or at hest matter. earthquakes.

seems, trouble the majority 3.5" (a guess at what would Already some experts say that At the register on the Richter Scale). California will be the target of States

land of fairly frequent tremors or uttersbocks has made many Californians blase about the big

parent apathy and by pure co-incidence after Thursday's northern California carthquake and the people who should know 5.5 on the Richter Scale) the are meeting in Los Angeles this experts have been gathering in week to try to come up with Los Angeles for what is billed some method of predicting big as California's first earthquake prediction conference.
At the conference the United

In the wake of all this an-

tion Evaluation Council and the names of 12 prominent scientists who will serve on it.
The council will hold its first meeting in Reston, Virginia, on February 4 and 5 to review the evidence of other scientists on possible impending earthquakes and to decide whether to issue

sidered by some to be quite an ironic choice. It is not considered one of the safest buildings in Los Angeles. The second secon

# The new deputy C-in-C United Kingdom land forces and Inspector General of the Territorial Acmy and Cadets is the controversial general who has featured throughout the series. Leader page, 15 Letters: On civil defence, from Professor Michael Howard, FBA; on abortion law reform, from the Bishop of Durham

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### Muzorewa fury Senator Kennedy changes his image at guerrillas Senator Edward Kennidy has reeffirmed his candidacy for the American Presidency and claims to be the sole Democrat representative of the truditional liberal causes of Franklin moving freely In an atmosphere of mutual accusations Rhosevelt and John Kennedt, He has called Mr Carrer a Republican Presiof malpractice, exchanged by party leaders in Salisbury. Bishup Abel Muzorewa, the UANC leader, said he felt like somebody who had "entered dent Pundits are predicting defeat for Mr Kennedy in the next election campaign burdles a business arrangement with crooks as partners". Back from a tour of the eastern region, he accused the monitor-ing force of standing by as guerrillas

impunity. He threatened to ignore the verdict of the Commonwealth observers Page 8 Clearer credit terms

went to and from assembly areas with

Companies offering credit or hire purhave to show in advertisements the true annual rate of interest payable by the customer, in line with revisions in the 1974 Consumer Credit Act laid before Parliament yesterday Page 19

Herbert crisis

Alfred Herbert, the once-proud flag-ship of the British machine tool industry, is fighting for survival in the survival plans include a cutback of 700 Page 19 nology equipment

Paisley outburst The conference on Northern Ireland's

cabinet must included people other than those with a majority in an elected assemble. Page 2

political future is in difficulties over the fundamental issue of power sharing.

The Rev Ian Passey said plently he would have nothing to do with a

Russia holds Afghans Several hundred Afghan political prisoners are being read inside the Soviet Union, according to evidence reaching Kabul. In a letter smuggled our of Russia a mulich says they are working in a steel mill. Page 7

Fish catch agreed

TEC ministers discussing Community fishing policy have realized agreement on total catch units and a system for monitoring observance of them, Howeven the way in which the catch would he shared has yet to be decided Page 6



Comedian dies: Jimmy Durante, come star of films. Broadway and night clubs died in Los Angeles yesterday of pneumonia. He was 86 and had been confined to a wheelchair since a stroke Obituary, page 17 Teachers' strike: Thousands of pupils most classes in school disputes in two

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# Labour MP says proposed clause in Bill removes pickets' immunity from prosecution

Political Editor

Amendments are essential to the Government's Employment Bill if peaceful pickets are to be protected from criminal (as distinct from civil) prosecution, Mr James Prior, Secretary of State for Employment, was told

Mr Alexander Lyon, Labour MP for York, who had last month accused Mr Prior of misleading the Commons on the Government's intentions, now accepted Mr Prior's assurance that he did not wish to extend the criminal law only the civil law, to secondary picketing. However Mr Lyon, who is a barrister, insisted that Mr Prior was getting wrong legal advice, and that in any case the amend-ments were needed because, as Mr Lyon put it, "the issue is so serious".

From David Nicholson-Lord

Support for the private sector steel strike increased in

South Yorkshire yesterday as strike leaders claimed that union solidarity had been strengthened by the Court of Appeal's ruling at the week-

Mr Stanlev Sheridan, of the Iron and Steel Trades Confederation's South Yorkshire and Humberside strike coordinating committee, said the "vast majority" of the 5,000 private

rector workers in the Sheffield

district had stayed out on strike while awaiting the response of the ISTC's executive to Lord Denning's order.

More men were on strike yesterday because of the con-

fusion surrounding the ruling

committee based at Rotherham

has said it will continue second-

Strike leaders yesterday derided the statement by Mr John Penaington, managing director of the British Steel Corporation's Sheffield division, that plants would get by if that happened.

Strikers claim union

solidarity is improved

n Monday

The multi-union coordinating Corby: Safety cover vital to

ary picketing whatever the reduced further as a result of ISTC executive decides and that safety cover would be withdrawn if a picket was arrested.

Corby steel works is to be reduced further as a result of 150 apprentices being laid off yesterday. Their supervisors, members of the Technical and

dary picketing which would replace section 15 of the Trade Union and Labour Relations Act 1974. My Lyon insists that Mr Prior is removing the old immunity, in Section 15. from criminal prosecution at present

enjoyed by peaceful-pickets. He writes: "On your argument all pickets standing in the highway can be prosecuted for obstruction and there is no right to picket. On my understanding of the law, the police could only prosecute for action goin gbeyond peaceful picket-

ing.
"If your advice is right it is essential to legislate immediately to give legitimate pickets protection against criminal prosecution. If I am right your clause 14 reduces the immunity from criminal prosecution and therefore makes it possible to imprison all pickets not out-side their place of work.

union's general secretary, to put his head on the block.". All big firms employing ISTC

members were affected by the strike, according to the Shef-field Engineering Employers

Association,
Arthur Osman writes from
Birmingham: As steelworkers'
pickets continued the blockade

of 70 private companies and stockholders in the West Mid-lands last night an ISTC official

continued production at the Corby steel works is to be

Supervisory Staffs (TASS), had decided they could not continue overseeing their training.

Steelworkers belonging to the ISTC and the Amalgamated

Union of Engineering Workers have decided not to issue

that the effect of his Ell's clause 14 is only "to limit the civil law immunity" and leaves the criminal law unaffected. He states that the section's

words "it shall be lawful" . . . "do not mean that any acts outside the scope of this section or this clause will necessarily be unlawful. The fact that peaceful picketing at a person's home is now no longer expressly declared to be lawful does not mean that such picketing becomes a criminal offence. The same is true under clause 14 as regards picketing other than at a person's own place of work. Picketing confined to peaceful persuasion and argument is not and never has been a criminal offence . . . clause 14 means simply that a person picketing outside the amended section 15 will no longer have immunity under section 13 from The argument turns on the Mr Prior, in a reply on civil proceedings if he induces Bill's clause 14 limiting secon- January 25 to Mr Lyon's first a breach of contract."

### Thatcher rebuttal on **EEC** aid fields, Sheffield, where there

By Hugh Noyes Parliamentary Correspondent Westminster

have been many arrests since the strike began; pickets said they would maintain their blockade irrespective of a deci-sion on the ISTC's appeal and called on Mr William Sirs, the Mrs Margaret Thatcher yes-Mrs Margaret Thatcher yesterday scathingly rebutted the claim reported to have been made by Mr Henk Vredeling, the EEC Commissioner in charge of social policy, that no approach had been made to the Commission by the British Government for EEC fi ancial help in handling the steel redundancies.

Mr Vredeling said he could not understand why the Gov-erament had not acted when generous sums were available to help the British Steel Corporation and to find alter-native work or retraining for 50,000 redundant workers.

said: "Support is still absolutely solid; there will be no withdrawal until we hear the decision of the House of Lords on our appeal. The Prime Minister told the House that Mr Vredeling seemed to be indicating that the Government had not applied for aid. In fact, since 1973 there had been 100 such applications.

On December 12 the Department of Industry informed Commission officials of the corporation's proposals for redun-dancies in 1980-81. The Com-mission decided, Mrs Thatcher said, that £7.7m should be allocated to Shotton and, she added, to laughter from the Tory benches, the allocation was signed by Mr Vredeling.

The increased militancy of safety passes to tankers steelworkers was evident out-coming daily to the plant to side the private firm of Had-clear tar from the coke ovens.

Tory benches, the allocation was signed by Mr Vredeling.

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The fundamental disagreement between the Church of England attitude and that taken by the Roman Catholic Church is over whether the termination of the life of a foetus can ever be considered a right course of deliberate

Roman Catholic statement.

Rail station into superstore: Green

Park, the former London, Midland and

Scottish railway station at Bath, is to

be developed as a superstore and a

By Clifford Longley

In an official Church of England response to last week's statement by the Roman Catho-

lic Church on abortion, a rel-atively tough interpretation of the ethical issues is adopted, but not an endorsement of the absolute prohibition of abor-tion urged by the Roman Cath-olic bishops of England, Scot-

The executive committee of

the Board for Social Respon-sibility of the General Synod

of the Church of England issued a statement yesterday after discussing the Roman

explaining that it had no auth-

ority to speak for the Church of England as a whole, said that in its view abortion could be justified only when a woman's life or health was

seriously threatened by a preg-

carefully

land, and Wales last week.

Catholic statement.

The committee,

Religious Affairs

Abortion 'lesser of two

theory, because it is always wrong to take innocent life, no circumstances can justify such an intention. It is allowable only as a secondary effect, resulting from actions and intentions towards saving the women's life.

evils' in rare cases, **Anglican statement says** 

some circumstances be judged the lesser of two evils. Such circumstances are relatively rare, the statement says. In a society such as ours, however, with advanced facili-ties for pre-natal diagnosis and cure, such situations are today highly exceptional.

"Women today turn to abor tion, or are encouraged to seek abortion, for quite other rea-sons, reasons which frequently point to seriously unsatisfac-tory personal or family circum-stances but which cannot on that account morally justify the extreme step of abortion. At the same time that this

cautiously conservative state-ment was released, the Bishop of Durham, the Rt Rev John Hapgood, has weighed into the argument with a letter to The Times, in which he criticizes the "moral blackmail" of the religious campaign against abortion.

He suggests that the Bill now before Parliament could At the same time, it criticized the medical profession for losing sight of the ethical issues, and urged Christians of all deaominations to study the lead to an illiberal interpretation of the law which was in its way as extreme as the over-liberal interpretation of the liberal in 1967 Act.

He argues instead for a code of conduct in the medical pro-fession, which could remedy proven abuses while leaving doctors with the flexibility that they require for the practice of good medicine.

that the great majority of abortions now carried out in Britain were not morally justified but that there were objections to any attempt to impose by Act of Parliament an easy answer to the moral difficulries involved. The abortion issue could not be considered in isolation from the general state of society and its provi-sion for those in need.

mitment to negotiate "meaningfully" on comparability.
Since the first strike threat by the General and Municipal Workers' Union, utilities in the three other unions in the industrial Maniers of Russians of Russians and Municipal Maniers.

General Workers' hardened. The agricultural workers' executive deciding last week that it wanted the £10 a week paid in

union which absorbed the old water workers' union in the

mid-1970s, is taking the lead as

the biggest union in the indus-try, but the more militant NUPE, which represents work-ers at the "dirty end" is not

prepared to play second fiddle all the time.

Basic minimum rates are the

Letters, page 15

# 15,000 are expected to lobby for Corrie Bill

By Annabel Ferriman

supermarket company. The Victorian

building has been closed since 1966.

Planning permission has been granted

by the Department of the Environment

after a public inquiry held last year.

More than 15,000 people are More than 15,000 people are expected to take part today in a mass lobby of MPs in support of the Abortion (Amendment) Bill, sponsored by Mr John Corrie, Conservative MP for Ayrshire, North and Bute. The Bill reaches its report stage on February 8.

Five Church leaders from the northeast of Scotland are taking part in support of the Bill and not in opposition to it, as stated in yesterday's edition of The Times. The five leaders of the stated in properties from of delegation presenting four of Scotland's churches. They are the Rev James

They are the Rev James
Scott, Moderator of the Presbytery of Aberdeen, Church of
Scotland; Bishop George Sessford, Episcopal Bishop of
Moray, Ross and Caithness:
Bishop Mario Conti. Roman
Catholic Bishop of Aberdeen;
Canon James Alexander.
Convener of the Episcopal Canon James Alexander. Convener of the Episcopal Social Service Board, representing Bishop Frederick Dar-went, Episcopal Bishop of Aberdeen and Orkney; and the Rev Graham Bruce, Convener of the Public Ques-tions Committee of the United Free Church.

Bishop Conti said yesterday: It is the first time we have conie together on an issue. I think it is fair to say that it is unique. We are going down to

lobby for a more pro-life arti-Messages of support for the

Bath City Council. An application by

Tesco, Sainsbury's rivals, for a super-

store, conference centre, arts hall and car park was refused.

delegation have come from the Rev Ronald Christie, of the Free Church, Wick, who heads the Free Church's own cam-paign in support of the Bill, as

reserve.

A spokesman for the Royal Navy said yesterday that many towns adopt ships, in much the same way that they twin with cities abroad and it was usual for civic dignitaries to be invited on board for such a voyage.

did not know that the mayor was going on to an anti-abortion rally afterwards. The Navy did not have views on that issue and did not become in-

well as from the Rev John Tal-lach, of the Free Presbyterian Church, Aberdeen. Mr Kenneth Hargreaves, Mayor of Actrington, is tra-

velling in a Royal Navy frigate, HMS Nubian, to support the demonstration. Accrington adopted the frigate several years ago and it is the ship's last voyage before going into

He was sure that the captain

volved in controversial matters.

A counter demonstration against the Bill is Loing organized for Parliament Square today by Nurses for a Woman's Choice on Abortion and Doctors for a Woman's Choice on Abortion

Law makes a move into age of technology

By Stanley Baldwin

The law, traditionally associated with musty books and Stationery Office copies of statutes, moved into the age of technology yesterday with the launching in London of a com-

puterized law service.
The service, known as Eurolex. is starting with a pilot scheme for 15 important subscribers, and after they have fed in their comments on the practical aspects of the operation, it will be running at full strength some time in the spring. Well over a hundred organizations. universities, libraries and law firms have indicated that they will be customers.

About 20 million word: will be available inicially building up to perhaps 50 million by the end of this year. The service takes in most of Western European law.

Eurolex is run by the Euro-

Eurolex is run by the European Law Ceutre, a whollyowned subsidiary of the
Thomson Organization. The
technical side is operated by
BOC Datasolve.

The main terminal is at the
European Law Centre's office
at 4 Bloomsbury Square, London, WC, but it is expected that
many of the bigger subscribers
will install their own terminals.

Speed is the great benefit
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N. H. Nuna Price, data bise director, said: "We have noid execut attention to the education of users and have desirated training courses to give them the know-how to get the hest the know-how to get the best our of the system at least cast.

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"The average charge will be \$40 an hour, but I must emplassive that this is an average.

size that this is an average actual costs will vary according to the actual work being done." In the interests of speedy information on the state of the law, The Times's Law Reports, already so valuable to courts pending the publication of the Weekly Law Reports, will have a vital role to play in the new system.

The initial database consists of Common Market law rept., European Court reports, European reports, European commercial cases, European treaties in English and French, and the European Law Digest-

In the United Kingdom Law Reports, The Times's Law Reports and statutes.

# Two pickets arrested as tempers fray

From Craig Seton

Two flying pickets were arrested at Sheerness, Isle of Sheppey yesterday, as more than 50 tried to stop supplies to the only large private steel works in Britain where members of the Iron and Steel Trades Confederation, the main steel union, are still working normally.

The police said last night that two men, from Scunthorps, were expected to be charged with obstruction. The flying pickets, from Sheffield, Rotherham and Scunthorpe, became increasingly angry during the day as lorries for Sheerness Steel continued to cross the picket line, frequently without stopping. Shell tanker

About 2,000 Shell tanker drivers have accepted a 22 per cent pay offer, their union, the Transport und General Workers, said last night. Drivers employed by BP, Esso and Texaco have accepted similar

Texaco have accepted similar

Offer to ambulancemen: Britain's 17,000 ambulancemen yesterday received a 13 per cent pay offer in line with offers made to other public sector manual workers. The offer will be put to members of the four public sector manual workers.

of the four unions involved.

The settlement date of the

annual pay claim is the begin-ning of the year and after the local authority manual workers settled for 13 per cent and with the 250,000 hospital ancill-

ary workers about to settle for

the same amount, the ambulan-cemen are almost certain to

The basic minimum weekly

rate for qualified ambulance-men, who form the majority covered by the offer, is £62.54, but that rises to £69.24 from

April 1 as a result of the 21.8

per cent award made last year by the Clegg comparability

drivers

day in good spirits, but by the time of the arrests they were cold, wet and in an increasingly sugry mood because of the refusal of union colleagues in the plant to join them. More than half of the plant's

815 workers are members of the ISTC and they have decided to dely union instructions to join the national steel strike because of Lord Denning's ruling in the Court of Appeal on Saturday.

The dispute in the water in-dustry centres on a claim by

the four upions representing 32,000 manual workers that

their members are being paid an average of £10 a week less than employees in the gas and

electricity industries, sectors which in recent years the unions have sought to use as

Many of the water and

sewerage workers do dirty, un-pleasant jobs, such as working

underground on sewer main-tenance, and they claim they

should have parity with workers in the other public utilities.

In the past year or so they

have started to flex their con-siderable industrial muscle and

the strength of grievance among the workers appears to be such

that a situation could develop similar to the early days of the steel strike, when the leader-ship had difficulty in restrain-

ing the members.
Union leaders, while making

threatening noises in public, do not relish the prospect of lead-

Labour Reporter

Sheerness police called for morning shift ignored pleas Sheerness police called for reinforcements from the Keut from the pickets not to enter force and more than 20 were on duty as pickets' tempers several lorries, mainly members became frayed and they of the Transport and General attempted to block lorries Workers' Union, agreed not to entering the modern plant.

The pickets had started the day in good spirits, but by the

The plant depends on scrap metal to produce 450,000 tops of steel rods and bars a year. At least one lorry loaded with scrap metal was turned back, together with two larries containing manganese, which is essential for steel melting, and a tanker containing fuel oil. The pickets have said they

will continue the picket all week. But Sheerness Steel said Workers arriving for the noticeable effect on supplies.

Not only do they fear a back-

Not only do mey tear a back-lash from the public, who very soon could be facing intoler-able hardships, but they are equally worried about appear-ing to take on the Government in what might be seen as a poli-tical challenge

if a strike does take place, however, they will try to make it as effective as possible in the hope that the employers are

equally chary about the possi-bility of a widespread break-down of the nation's water sup-

ply and sewerage system.

Last winter the water and sewerage workers threatened officially to join the "winter of discontent" and in some areas, notably the North-west, these was unofficial arring

there was unofficial action over the pay offer made by the National Water Council.

It was to avert national industrial action that both sides

agreed to set up a joint study to compare wages with those of

gas and electricity workers.

That study was completed

towards the end of last year, with unions and management

In Roman Catholic moral

Workers earn £10 a week less than their counterparts in gas and electricity

Water unions flex their considerable muscle

The Church of England moral tradition, as set forward again in yesterday's statement, is that abortion is always an evil to be avoided, but can in

ing the first national water agreeing the facts but disagree- strike unless there was a com-

ing on interpretation.

The unions claim that the

study showed a differential of

rate, a five-hour reduction in the working week, longer holi-days and improved holiday pay. The rotal claim was worth at

The employers, bound by the Government's 13 per cent cash limit, replied with an offer of 13 per cent which the unions rejected just before Christmas. During eight hours of talks on Monday the water council.

on Monday the water council, representing regional water authorities and the private water supply companies, increased the offer on basic rates by £2.50 s week, making the total package worth about

on Friday Monday's meeting was the

least 46 per cent.

# Bill to ban children from car front seats Mr Giles Ecclestone, secretary of the Board for Social Reponsibility, interpreted yesterday's statement as meaning riding in the front seats of cars and provide for seat. A Bill to ban children from belts to be fitted in the rear also said it was sympathetic to the fitted in the rear also said it was sympathetic to seats of all new cars and a the aims of the Bill but it felt

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Mr George Robertson, Lahour
MP for Hamilton, who sponsored the Bill, said that about
10.100 children under 15 werc
injured every, year in road
accidents and 83 were killed. injured every year in road accidents and 83 were killed. It was rime Parliament acted to reduce that "widespread carnage".

was introduced in the Com- proportion of private-hire cars.

was made compulsory to carry children in the rear seat. No acceptable restraint system has yet been devised for children in cars. Some children

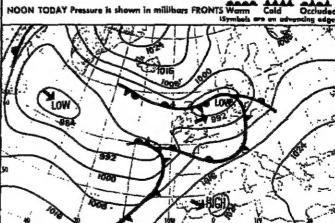
The Bill, which was given an unopposed first reading, would prohibit children aged less than 13 from riding in front seas than unrestrained in the back seat", an official said.

that the problems of children in cars could not be adequately dealt with in a private member's Bill.

It is waiting for evidence from the Joint Committee on Childhood Accident Prevent on. It pointed out that the High-way Code says that children should be restrained in the rear seats of cars.

Several European countries, including France and Luver-bourg, already ban children from front seats of cars.

# Weather forecast and recordings



Today Sun rises : . Sun sets : 7.43 am

7.43 am 4.45 pm Moon sets : Moon rises : Full moon: February 1.
Lighting up: 5.15 pm to 7.12 am.
High water: Loudon Bridge, 12.28
am, 6.7m: 12.55 pm. 6.7m. Avonmouth, 6.02 am, 12.1m: 6.31 pm.
12.3m. Dover, 9.57 am, 6.1m: 10.24
pm. 6.2m. Hull, 5.01 am. 6.5m:
5.19 pm. 6.8m. Liverpool, 10.12
am, 8.6m: 10.35 pm, 8.6m.
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A depression will move away E over the North Sea but a frontal trough will affect Scotland. A further trough will reach SW England later.

Forecasts for 6 am to midnight: London, East Anglia, Midlands
(E) and (W). central S, central
N and SE England: Sunny periods,
dry: wind W moderate hacking S
light later; max temp 7 to 10°C
(45 to 50°F).

(45 to 50°F).

SW England, Channel Islands:
Sunny intervals, isolated showers;
cloudler by evening with some
rain: wind SW moderate or Fresh
backing S: max temp 10 to 12°C
(50 to 54°F).

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY

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Lake District, NW England, N and S Wales, Northern Ireland, Isle of Man: Sunny intervals, scattered showers, squally, especially near coasts; wind W moderate, locally fresh, becoming light and variable later: max temp 9° to 10° (48° to 50°F).

NE England: Bright intervals, occasional rain in N, especially later. Wind W moderate or fresh; max temp 9° to 8°C (43° to 46°F).

Borders, Storay Firth, central

Borle's, Noray Firth, central Highlands, Edinburgh, Dundee, Glasgow, Aberdeen: Mostly clouds, outbreaks of rain, snow on bills; wind variable, moderate, becoming mostly N: max temp 3' to 6'C (37' to 43'F).

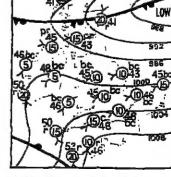
Argyll, SW Scotland: Rather cloudy, rain in places, but also dre periods in most parts; wand variable or NW, moderate: max temp 5° to 7°C 41' to 45'F). NE and NW Scotland, Orkney, Sheeland: Occasional rain or sleet but becoming brighter with wintry showers: wind NE, fresh: max temp 2° to 4°C (36° to 39°F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Friday: some rain in England, Wales and N Ireland tomorrow, Brighter, colder weather spreading S from Scotland on Friday.

Sea passages: S North Sea. Strait of Dever: Wind SW to W

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY : c. cloud ; d. drizzle, f,

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English Channel (E): Wind W to SW fresh to strong, backing 5 later; sea moderate to rough.
St George's Channel: Wind W hacking S strong, decreasing moderate for a time; sea rough.
Irish 52a: Wind W strong decreasing moderate for a time; sea rough. fresh to strong; sea moderate to creasing moderate later;

Yesterday

London: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 9°C (48°F): min 6 pm to 6 am, 5°C (41°F). Humidity, 6 pm, 56 per cent. Rain, 24 hr to 6 pm, trace. Sun, 24 hr to 6 pm, 1.1 hr, Bar, mean see level, 6 pm, 1,012.4 million. millibars, falling. 1,000 millibars=29.53 in.

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# Talks on BBC 'Newsnight' Paisley threat to power-sharing dispute break down

By Kenneth Gosling

follow suit.

Talks at the offices of the Advisory, Conciliation and Because Newsnight covers Arbitration Service aimed at resolving the BBC dispute that two departments which normblacked out Panorama and the ally have separate working first edition of Newsnight and arrangements and agreements, News on Monday night broke some time to agree on new down yesterday.

The dispute is to be discussed by the Association of Broadcasting and Allied Staffs ment is over arrangements for

bers employed in the London television service.

curtailed the Nine O'Clock talks have been taking place for procedures

The sticking point between the union and the BBC manage-Broadcasting and Allied Statts
and its television branches sending film crews to cover reports for Newsnight.

The black-out came after a The union says the BBC

film crew which refused to should not have attempted to work on a Newsnight item was put on the programme while taken off the payroll. The negotiations were still in union called out all its memperature.

From Christopher Thomas

The Stormont constitutional conference on Northern Ireland's political future was in grave difficulties last night over the fundamental issue of power sharing.

The tone was set by the Rev Ian Paisley, leader of the Democratic Unionists, who said bluntly that he would have nothing to do with a new cabinet that included people other than those with the majority in an elected assembly.

He said: "No institutionalised Irish dimension or en-

any British government ever

tries to enforce this then the Unionist people will again band

tory; his mood may now have reverted. It may, however, be nothing more than an attempt to reassure his parry rank and Mr Seamus Mallon, deputy leader of the Social Democratic and Labour Party, was strongly critical of Mr Paisley's "bullyforced power sharing can be imposed on Northern Ireland, If ing". But there is still no talk of a walkout. All parties seem determined to hold the confer-

together and smash it. There The clash came on the sixth will be no bending. I am in no item of the fourteen-point mood to be trifled with."

The outburst was reminiscent of the Mr Paisley of old. Since agenda: the modus operandi of future administration Northern Ireland, the delicate negotiations began before Christmas to get the con-ference under way, he has been uncharacteristically concilia-The party positions at present

about £10 a week, or 16 per by the General and Municipal Cent, and when this year's pay claim was submitted comparability was at the top of the list, followed by a £15 a week increase in the basic minimum workers and the Transport and Ceneral Workers' hardened

rates by £2.50 s week, making focus of union negotiators' the total package worth about attention. The basic is just under £50 a week, but the molecular their on Friday

Monday's magning and the first package would cost

Monday's meeting was the £18m and raise average weekly employers' response to the earnings to between £91 and unions' threat of a national £114.

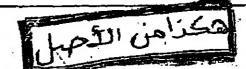
are: The DUP is willing to accommodate the SDLP to an unspecified extent in an elected assembly, but will have no truck with power sharing at executive level: the SOLP at this stage is merely seeking an assurance on its role in an elected body; the non-sectarian Alliance Party favours a system of elected committees with protections for the Catholic minority.

Yesterday was spent examining the Alliance Party's position and that will continue in a short ence together, although that is becoming increasingly difficult. session today.

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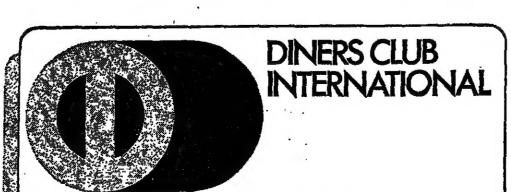


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# Mr Callaghan says attempts to move games were 'botched'

By George Clark Political Correspondent

Mr. James Callaghan, the brations, but if they wish to go Opposition Leader, indicated and run, they should go and politely yesterday that he run. notched their attempt to get the 1980 Olympic Games moved from Moscow to a new venue

we have got loto a mess about this", he said.

"I did not criticize the Government publicly in the Commons debate on Monday! because I did not think that this was the time to do so.

"The Western position could have been coordinated far more than it was before we laurched. than it was before we launched

Mr Callaghan's views were given in an interview with Mr Robin Day, recorded for the BBC Panorama programme on Monday, but which could not be transmitted because of an industrial dispute. Yesterday extracts of the interview were given in the radio programme. The World at One, presented by Mar Day. by Mr Day.
Mrs Thatcher has said that

if the Games cannot be moved to other venues, the Government would consider what advice they should give to the British competitors. Mr Callaghan was asked what his advice would be.

He replied that "they should

# Rebuff over help for Euro-MPs

By Michael Hatfield Mrs Barbara Castle, the for-mer Cabinet minister and now mer Capinet minister and now leader of the European Labour MPs, was given a sharp rebuff by her former parliamentary colleagues last night when she sought backbench help to give European MPs House of Commons facilities.

The incident is another milestone in the blocking by the Opposition of any move to allow European MPs, from any party, to share the privileges of

Westminster MPs. Mrs Castle, along with Mr Richard Balfe, chairman of the Labour European MPs, and Mr Richard Caborn, put their case at a meeting of the Labour Party backbench parliamentary affairs group

They emphasized the importance of strong links between Westminster and the European Parliament and argued the need for access to some of the ser-vices available to MPs.

But the majority at the meet-ing, chaired by Mr George Cunningham, argued that the issue raised constitutional problems. One of the arguments was: Why should European MPs be given any more access than local coun-

toned down their demands by ing drive coincides with an ment, so that contact might be maintained; their original case | argued for access to the vote office, restaurants and parliamentary services.

mery and the rest of the cele-brations, but if they wish to go

A letter claiming that extreme Welsh Nationalist organisations had united and thinks Mrs Margaret Thatcher . But everyone should be and the Government have aware that the Soviet Union botched their attempt to get the had not really changed its were responsible for the cam-paign of fire-raising which has destroyed 11 homes in the principality was examined by attitude on human rights and individual freedoms. You cannot respect a nation which Basically, he agreed with Mrs. treats its civilians in the way. Thatcher's efforts to get the the Soviet Union has treated. Games moved. "But I think Dr Sakharov", Mr Callaghan the Soviet Union has treated Dr Sakharov Mr Callaghan said. "But if the athletes wish

at Bangor and was delivered hours after fire destroyed a two-storey farmhouse near Llandelio. Dyfed. The house, which had not been occupied to go and run; then that is it." Asked whether if he had been Prime Minister, his approach would have been for several months, was owned by a family who live in Cambridge. approach would have been fundamentally different from Mrs Thatcher's, Mr Callagham said: "No, not in the short term, though I am not sure about the games. But in the long term, the Prime Minister's speech did not really look at the prospects beyond the immediate, so-called 'punishment' of the Soviet Union".

Referring back to the Hel-An organization calling itself Cadwyr Cymru-The Keepers of Wales-claimed in the letter that its campaign had the

**Extremists** 

'unite to

set homes

on fire'

From Tim-Jones

police yesterday.

It was addressed to the BEC

direct attack on the cultural

The letter bore a crest

depicting a white eagle similar to that used by the Free Wales Army, which was active in the 1960s and blew up pipelines carrying water to England.

Attempts to destroy two other homes failed despite the use of paraffin and an incendiary device.

Most of the homes set on fire

have been empty, but in one incident in Anglesey a woman was sleeping in an upstairs bedroom. The smell of smoke woke her and she escaped.

At Newtown, in Powys, a middle-aged couple had to

move from a terrace cottage when an adjoining building was

Near one cottage destroyed by fire the letters BRC, which could stand for Byddin Rhyddid Cymru—Welsh for the Free Wales Army, were scrawled on a wall.

An earlier letter sent from Oswestry is also in police hands, It has no crest and without naming any organization it says that rural communities are being destroyed by second homes and that action should be taken "before these westched nestures occur

gestures

The farmhouse is owned by

Mr Alan Watson, a Cambridge University don. Chief Insp Delmi Evans said that the last person to visit the farmhouse, on January 20, was Mr Watson's son, Andrew, a student at Reiser University.

Legal Correspondent
A case being heard by the
European Court of Justice in
Luxembourg today could have

significant implications for the principle of "equal pay for equal work" in Britain.

If the decision favours the woman who has claimed that she has been denied equal pay on the ground of sex discrimination.

nation, the impact of Britain's

Mrs Wendy Smith has been employed by Macarthys Ltd. which deals in pharmaceutical

Pay Act may be

By Marcel Berlins

increased.

Woman's equal pay case.

affects many claims

and linguistic base.

Cardille

backing and support of the IRA and ETA, the Basque separatist group. The letter was passed to the police, who formed a team of detectives after the attacks began last mouth. ment' of the Soviet Union".

Referring back to the Helsinki agreement on human rights, Mr Day asked whether, in the light of recent events, detente was "dead".

"No.", Mr Callaghan replied.
"It can't be dead because the It said that three militant groups, the Free Wales Army, the Patriotic Front and NAC—the Movement to Defend Wales—had combined to destroy the properties which they saw as

alternative is a return not only to the cold war but, owing to the development of nuclear weapon, perhaps to a nuclear war." Mr Callaghan thought the re-action of the United States had

been right. US Congress vote, page 7



Labour campaign: A beer mat campaign in clubs and public houses is the Labour Party's latest weapon in a membership drive. The mat (shown above) depicts a gruesome Mrs Margaret Thatcher by the cartoonist

Ralph Steadman, with the slogan " Upset her, join the Labour Party". Launching the campaign yesterday Mr Eric Heffer, Labour MP for Walton, described the picture of the Prime Minister as " a cross between a witch

and a vulture". He said: "It will be regarded in some quarters as rather nasty and cruel. We do not think so. We think it is pretty flattering. The same drawing will

appear on posters, badges and leaflets and in newspaper Euro-MPs apparently advertisements. The recruitincrease in membership fees this year from £1.20 to £3 in an attempt to rescue the party from the financial crisis facing it.

### NHS guidelines approved New guidelines designed to cedures has led to damaging

minimize the effects of indus-trial disputes in the National rial disputes in the National Health Service were welcomed yesterday by Mr Patrick Jenkin. Secretar yof State for Social Services. The guidelines, approved by management and unions, come into force immediately.

Both sides hope they will end as the lowest possible operational level.

If that fails, a conciliation panel should be convened, representing the parties to the dispute, under an independent chairman. If there is still no

in London.
Mr Jenkin said: "In the past, the lack of sensible pro-

Toyota describes

as dishonourable

By Peter Waymark
Motoring Correspondent
Datsun's attack on the Society
of Motor Manufacturers and

Traders in a full-page news-

paper advertisement was described as dishonourable by a

rival Japanese car importer

vesterday. Mr John Pride, managing

director of Toyota GB, said : " If

vou join a club you must expect it to operate in the way

it thinks best. If you disagree with that policy the option is

open to resign. As members of the club you must go along with

the rules."
The Datsun advertisement

claimed that the company's dealers were being kept short of cars because of import restrictions negotiated by the SMMT with the Japanese manufacturers' association. The

restrictions were designed to

help the British car industry

but had helped only European

importers.

Mr Pride said firms importing Jepanese goods into Britain had to accept that trade must be two way. His company, the

Inchcape group, tried to main-tain a balance, selling British goods to Japan in return for

The Datsun advertisement

appeared in several national

newspapers last Friday. It was

withdrawn from The Times after changes had been requested by the editor. Mr William Rees-Mogg.

An appeal launched in Novem-

ber for £350,000 to preserve Ashdown Forest, Sussex, has

raised £91,000, it was announced

£91.000 forest appeal

mported Toyota cars.

Datsun attack

escalating local strikes such as chairman. If there is still no that as Charing Cross Hospital in London.

Mr Jenkin said: "In the ciliation and Arbitration Services of the control of the ciliation and Crefered to the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Services of the ciliation and Arbitration Services of the ciliation and Crefered to the Advisory, Conciliation and Crefered to the Crefered to the Advisory, Conciliation and Crefered to the C

# which deals in pharmaceutical products, as stockroom manageress at £10 a week less than her male predecessor. An industrial tribunal upheld her claim that the Equal Pay Act had been breached and the Employment Appeal Tribunal also ruled in her favour. The company appealed to the Court

Razed gardens start a legal wrangle

Bulldozers have levelled a row of back gardens and started a legal wrangle over the owner-ship of the land. ship of the land.

The eight house owners involved say that the land belongs to them under common law. They argue that they have tended the gardens behind their homes in East Road. Bridoort. law. They argue that they have house and destroyed shrubs. It tended the gardens behind their homes in East Road, Bridport, Dorset, since the houses were Mrs Nancy Lewis, wife of the built more than 50 years ago. Jessop, of Bournemouth, which is developing the land for

would be small'

The impact of noise, road

traffic and air pollution caused

by the proposed extension of Gatwick Airport would be small, a public inquiry ar Crawley, West Sussex, which

opened vesterday, was told. It would not justify the rejection of the scheme, Lord Silsoe, QC.

for the British Airports
Authority, said.
The inquiry, which is expected to last three months, is

into the BAA's planning application for permission to build a second terminal and ex-

pand the cargo and maintenance

million passengers a year.

The inquiry inspector, Mr
John Newey, QC, will report to

the Departments of the Environment and Trade and Industry, which will make a decision

expansion

half his garden to the bull-dozers, said: "They just drove through the gardens. We didn't have a clue that they were going to do it.

vicar, said: "I woke up and saw the bulldozers carving their which is developing the land for a way along the row of gardens. a new housing estate, says it has It was a horrifying experience. title déeds and acted properly.
Mr William Hallett, aged 68,
a retired bus driver, who lost "By the time our solicitor arrived they had finished. They arrived they had finished. They hands of solicitors and may be left one garden intact because subject to litigation."

the householder had the ownership of the land on the deeds of the house."

Robert Runcie, Archbishop-elect of Canter-

bury, as Bishop of St Albans is to be the Ven

John Taylor, Archdeacon of West Ham, the

of Appeal, which referred the case to the EEC court in Luxembourg.

The Treaty of Rome lays down that "men and women

should receive equal pay for

equal work".
Mr Authony Lester, QC, for

Mrs Smith, is claiming before the European Court that if comparisons could not be made

with previous incumbents of the same job, the Equal Pay Act could never apply to jobs of

which thore was only one at

The EEC Commission also supports Mrs Smith's claim.

The United Kingdom govern-

ment opposes her case on the ground that the treaty does

not extend to a comparison of

non-contemporaneous employ-

ments, and denies that the council directive is directly

applicable in the United King-dom.

any particular time.

Mr Albert Chubb, aged 83, former mayor of Bridgort, said that he had lived in his house for 50 years and had always for 50 years and had always tended the garden.

"I paid rent until 1970 then no one asked me for any more", he said. "No one objected to the fact that I was still tending the garden

Mrs Dawn Thomas, a director of Jessop, said: "We have begun developing a site we believe we own. The matter is in the

# Effect of Gatwick £20m loss in first year predicted for ITV4

By Kenneth Gosling The fourth television channel would lose between 520m and 525m in its first full year of operation, Mr William Brown, managing director of Scottish Television and chairman of the Independent Television Com-panies Association, predicted

yesterday. "What last week's announcement has emphasized is that the run-up costs are formidable", he told the Broadcasting Press Guild in London.

"In the months when heavy area at the airport. The naw terminal would raise the capacity from 16 million to 25 advertising, a very substantial sum must be found."

The companies would have to pay £70m in 1982—at 1979 prices—as fourth channel subscription and an additional £12m in extra rental.

If the service started on schedule there might be \$10m in advertising revenue to set against that charge and it was not unrealistic to assume that the net cost in 1982 would be between £70m and £75m.

Industry profits before levy could be reduced from about £110m to about £40m; after

The contractors were still prepared to go ahead enthusiastically with proposals for the fourth channel. Commenting on the proposed

national breakfast-time tele-vision service. Mr Brown questioned whether it was prudent to start two new services—fourth channel and breakfast—at about the same time when both were dependent on advertising revenue.

Social focus, page 16

# Mrs Thatcher acts to avoid disruption of Government machine over pay

# Secret committees to fight Civil Service strikes

Service pay round could be accompanied by disruption even more severe than that which occurred in Mr James Callaghan's "winter of discentent". The two committees, one

ministerial, one of civil ser-Margarer Thatcher's Economic Strategy Committee, The ministerial group, the Economy Civil Service Committee, known in Whitehall by its initials, ECS,

ment deputy secretary, as chair-

The primary preoccupation of the two committees has been the legality of laying-off, with-out pay, non-striking officials who have no work to do because of disruptive action taken by fellow civil servants elsewhere. The possibility is known to Whitehall as the "slaughter of the innocents" option.

The committees have considered papers which draw lessons from the disruption of 1979. Individual departments have been urged to revise their contingency plans in the light of recent experience, an exer-cise co-ordinated by the Cabinet groups of Mr Prior and Mr

By Peter Hennessy was originally the responsibility. The committees have been staff and the insertion of Lord Soames, Lord President told by the Government's law of "suspension without pay" officers that "slaughtering the clauses into the 1980 Civil innocent," would be illegal. A Service pay agreement.

After his appointment as officers that "slaughtering the clauses into the 1980 Civil innocent," would be illegal. A Service pay agreement.

Governor of Southern Rhodesia, new trade union law would be Both courses have been needed. Such a statute has been judged impractical given the clivil matchine and the public.

Ministers and senior tivil Prior's group is the Economy It has been judged impractical selves making contingency to introduce a law that would than negotiations in the Civil Service Committee. Both courses have con-Civil Service disputes from her accompanied by disruption agen.

Ministers have also con-sidered concluding "no-strike" agreements with vital computer

Civil Service disputes from her general policy of laisser faire to strikes. Where strikers are their own employees, ministers have been urged by the Prime Minister to take a strong line.

The two Cabinet committees were set up in September after she had become incensed by the refusal of Department of Health and Social Security Officials in Washington, County Durham, to work overtime on child benefits.

Oxford faces

a zonking

**Holy Spirit** 

Dr Billy Graham, who is said to have preached in person to

nearly 90 million people in his

31 years on the Bible trail, is

back in Britain on another evangelical sortie.

This time he is confining his war against demonic forces and a drive for new chiverts to Oxford and Cambridge, the training grounds, as his aides say, of the leaders and politicians of the future.

"Billy has the gift of pre-cipitating decision", Canon Michael Green, Rector of St Aldate's Church, Oxfood, said yesterday, "That is one reason I invited him here. There is a wave of religious feeling in Oxford, with 40 per cent of undergraduates going to church

undergraduates going to church, and I knew we could use him

here to give us an even greater boost. I did nor want to miss a single trick in bringing people to God. I believe Billy will be able to land a lot of fish.

"He will see the nurture groups we have set up to help

people who become converted.

Getting conked by the Holy

Spirit is a confusing experience
ar first and many people need

counselling and Bible readings

to help them get oriented before they are channelled into

"Of course not everybody approves of evangelism. But it is bound to be unpopular with some of those whose own shows

are not growing as ours is." Dr Graham will preach in

Oxford tonight and on Thursday, Friday and Saturday People unable to get into the town hall can watch a television relay which is costing four

fifths of the estimated \$20,000 cost of the Oxford part of the

Dr Graham, who is aged 61

tanned, well-groomed, eagle eyed and flashing his beamin:

white smile, met reporter-yesterday. He said he had no brilliant speeches to make an

indeed there was little new in what he said.

He spoke of demonic force: at work in the world. "Arma geddon is being mentioner these days. The devil would

these days. The about a war to like to bring about a war to like to bring about a war to

destroy civilization. I have changed my position on nuclea

and chemical weapons in the past few years. I think the should be banned, but I am no for unilateral disarmament."

He said he had no plans a go to the Soviet Union the

Dr Graham said he had bee

invited to the enthronement of the new Archbishop of Cante

bury. In Oxford, however, h welcome has not been universal. The Lord Mayor of Oxfora Buddhist, is not entertaining

Dr Graham, whose mission is to lighten darkness, yesterday gave a television interview

churches.

From Trevor Fishlock

Oxford

from the

# to see pickets film

The committee also told Mr Whitelaw that ordinary police officers had a vital role to play in protecting the community, often in dangerous circum-

The committe also said it thought that the Special Patrol Group had not contributed to easing racial tension, particularly in London, and might even have exacerbated racial difficulties. culcies.

New bishop: The successor to the Right Rev is photographed with his wife; Linda. The Archdeacon joined the RAF as an officer cadet in 1952 and won the Sword of Honour as top cadet. "It was one of the greatest moments of my life", he says. From the author of a number of studies of the Old moments of my life", he says. From the Testament and a Hebrew scholar (Our RAF he gained a research fellowship to the Religious Affairs Correspondent writes). He Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

# Home Office

of the Special Patrol Group of the Metropolitan Police in action during the Grunwick dispute. He accepted the invitation from the TUC's employment and organization committee at a meeting in the Home Office.

Mr Harry Urwin, chairman of the committee, said it had told Mr Whitelaw it wanted the Special Patrol Group to be disbended. Generally, relations trade union movement had been excellent. But the Special Patrol Group was causing con-cern and could damage the relationship.

stances. Their common sense in difficult industrial disputes was usually exemplary.

The committee was particularly uneasy about the role of the SPG during the Southali disturbances in April, 1979, during which Mr Blair Peach was killed. The committee said it regretted the failure of the Government to set up an inde-pendent inquiry into the cir-cumstances Mr Peach's death.

During the meeting the com-mittee emphasized the need to introduce a Freedom of In-formation Act to establish the right of public access to public

# gave a television interties during which the light fused plunging the near by Oxfort Crown Court into gloom. Confait inquiry

No charges are imminent in the police investigation of the murder of Mr Maxwell Confait a homosexual prostitute, it 1972: Two men who had beet at Rochester Row police station Westminster, since Friday, lei

### on diplomatic mission building pendence in 1965 and the former Cambodian Embassy was now occupied by the Moonies, a religious sect. Iraqi Embassy, flats at Consort Lodge, NW8 (£86,777); High Commission for Nigeria, 20/22 Inverness Terrace W2 men released Inverness Terrace W2 (£27,206); Government of Cam-Diplomatic relations had been

bodia, 21 Avenue Road, NW8 broken off with Uganda for a period and the outstanding rates on the building could and Commonwealth Office said date back to that period. A spokesman for the Foreign rates on the building could and Commonwealth Office said date back to that period.

If any embassy owned a building which was used for purposes and it had no bills other purposes, by the country's yesterday.

Mr Confair was strangled in his bed-sittingroom in Catford south London. The police in national sirline, for example, the Foreign and Commonwealth Office was not responsible for the rates, he said.

Nuclear inspectorate faces

quiry is continuing.

# In brief More held under

Trainingar Square, WC2 had not been used for diplo-(£58,177); Rhodesia House, 429 matic purposes since the The Strand, WC2 (£324.578); unilateral declaration of inde-

Commons move to get unpaid rates

Terrorism Act Police in Brite'n detained 857 suspects under the Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Act during 1979, over 200 more than in the previous year, according to Home Office

By a Staff Reporter
Westminster City Council was
owed more than £500,000 in
rates on diplomatic missions,
Mr Joha Wheeler, Conservative
MP for Paddington, said yester-

day. He has tabled a series of

Commons questions to Sir Jan Gilmour, the Lord Privy Seal, urging the Foreign and Com-

monwealth Office to intervene.

The rates outstanding are: Uganda High Commission, 58/59 Trafalgar Square, WC2

statistics issued yesterday. Since the Act was introduced in 1974 to counter IRA activity, it has been used to detain more than 4,500 people. Only one slifth of those detained during the year were later charged or excluded from Britain.

Soldier recalled

Fusilier Stuart Smith-Blain, who was seen on television shouting at Sian Fein marchers in Birmingham at the weekend, was yesterday recalled to Bas-singbourn Barracks, Cam-bridgeshire to face discliplinary

Sausage standard Pork sausages should contain at least 35 per cent lean meat, the Foods Standard Committee recomends in a report to the

Cleaning fluid death A verdict of accidental death

was recorded yesterday on Sara Reading, aged 13, of Bracknell Road. Camberley, Surrey, who died after inhaling dry cleaning

Man dead in cell An unidentified man arrested on suspicion of burglary was

found dead in police cells at Poole, Dorset, last night. Explosion at flat Mr Patrick Shannon, aged 74,

of Exmouth Way, Birkenhead, was critically ill in Birkenhead General Hospiral last night after an explosion at his flat. £100,000 jewelry theft

Jewelry valued at £100.000 was stolen yesterday from a shop in Hoddesdon,

### Some hostesses at club willing for intercourse'

outstanding.
Rhodesia House, however, had not been used for diplo-

Half of the hostesses at Churchill's Club in the West End of London would be willing to have sexual intercourse with customers they liked, a hostess named as Miss Carmen said at Knightsbridge Crown Court, London, yesterday. A man looking for intercourse

would be able to find a willing partner at the club, Miss Carmen, aged 34, added. She said there were about 20 hostesses at the club in New Bond Street on any given night.
Some girls left the club with customers, but that was not with the knowledge of the management, she continued. She said she used to sleep with customers in return for presents of between £50 and £60. of between £50 and £60.

Harry Meadows, aged 63, of Queen Street, Mayfair, and his son, Andrew, aged 38, of Chesterfield Gardens, Mayfair, directors of the club, deny living off the immoral earnings of hostesses at the club between 1975

The trial continues today.

# increasing staff shortage The Nuclear Installations In-

With the recent expansion in the inspectorate's role of pro-

viding more information for the nuclear debate and with an increase in nuclear power planned. Mr Ronald Gausden, Chief Inspector of Nuclear In-stallations, said yesterday: "It has not proved possible to re-cruit the required additional staff to deal with all the tasks facing the inspectorate".
It is 17 short of its comple-

ment of 104. Air Gausden, writ-ing in the foreword to the inspectorate's biennial report, said that was mainly due to two problems. The inspectorate's London-based staff faced dispersal to Bootle, Lancashire, which had met a strong response from most inspectors. This is also reflected in the refusal of possible new entrants as normal".

spectorate, which oversees the safety of Britain's nuclear move to the north of Englan-power stations and fuel fac"It is also clear that one power stations and fuel fac-tories, is facing an increasing neers and scientists of the shortage of skilled staff.

"It is also clear that one neers and scientists of the shortage of skilled staff. ployed in government servic have had relatively little co join the inspectorate. Condition and salaries have been muc more attractive in outsid organizations."

> spectors' group in the Institt tion of Professional Civil Ser vants said salaries in th generating industry for equivilent jobs were about £14,000 compared with just over £11,00 for most inspectors. A recruitment campaign i

A representative of the in

under way but an official for tive, the inspectorate's parce body, said: "The numbers an quality of recruits turning up i response to our recruium efforts has not been as goo

to more than £100. Mr Stanle

government, said they would have been the next priority

Labour had won the election-

# Birth and death grants defeat

By Pat Healy Social Services Correspondent The Government yesterday defeated attempts to restore the value of the maternity and death grants this November, when the next increase in social security benefits is due. Mrs

Lynda Chalker, Under-Secretary of State for Social Security,

told the standing committee of the Social Security Bill that the 193m cost in a full year was 195m cost in a present circumstance of 1967 to a maximum of 1967 to a maxi

sympathetic to calls for an im-provement in the maternity spokesman, and Minister fo grant, last raised in 1969 to £25. Social Security in the laand it is considering dropping the contribution condition that excludes many young and poor

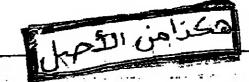
grants. It is understood to be

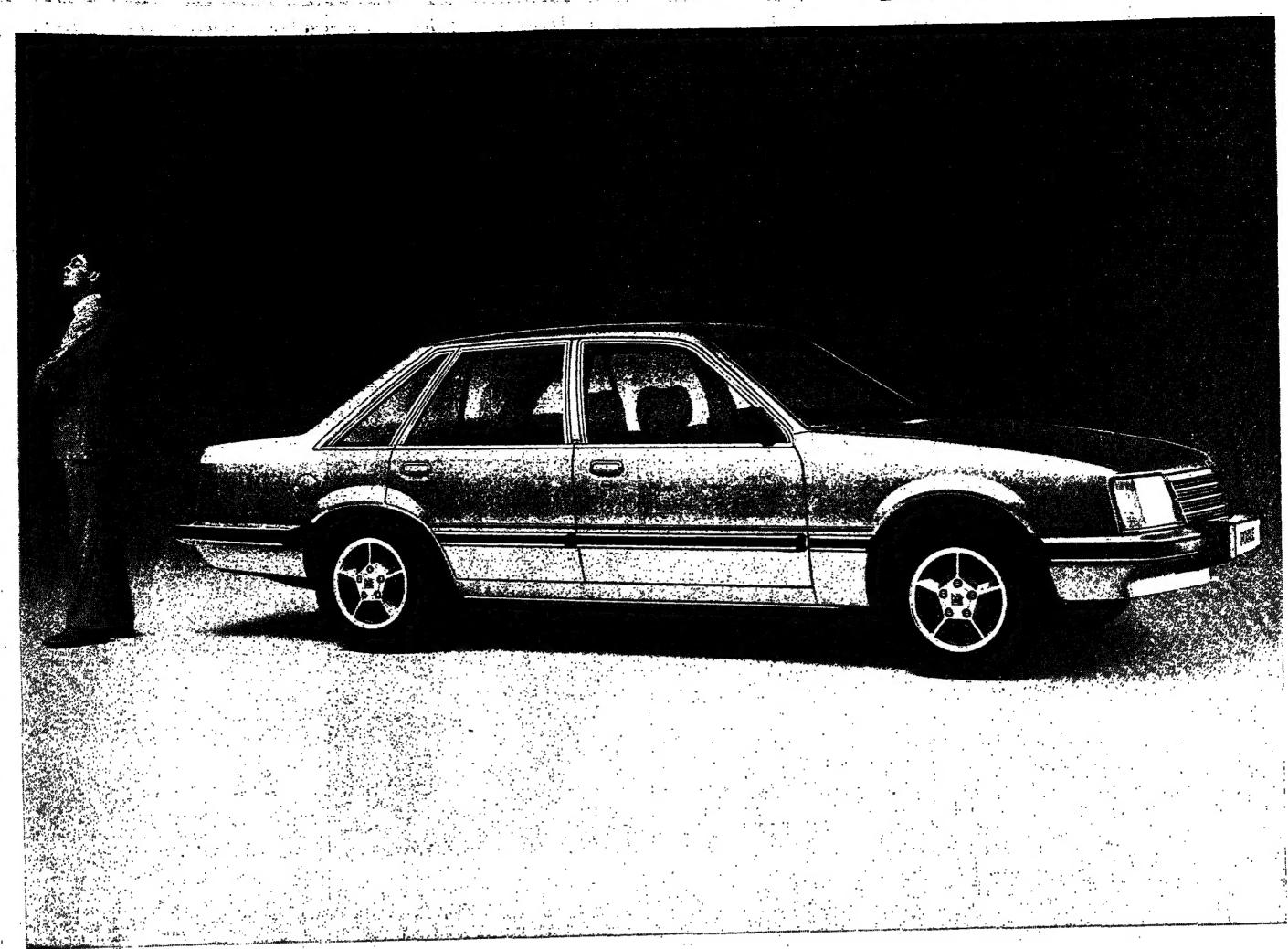
Mr Andrew Bennett, Labou MP for Stockport North, ha tabled two new clauses to th on raising the death grant, last Bill in response to government raised in 1967 to a maximum announcements. The first seek announcements. The 193m cost in a full year was too much in present circumstances.

Opposition amendments designed to restore the grants to their value when they were last raised and then to index-link funerals. The Government is shortfall. The second calls for them, were defeated by ten to the second calls for them, were defeated by ten to the second calls for wortes to nine.

The decision does not rule out all change next November, since the Government has indicated that it is reviewing both substituting the selective benefit in 1980-81 to raise them above supplementary benefit child a more realistic level.

The opposition amendments their value with prices, and dicated that it is reviewing both would have raised both grants then index-link them.





These days, car salesmen offer you the options list the way waiters offer you the à la Carte.

Leaving you to choose the fixtures and fittings according to your pocket.

A state of affairs which we find lamentable.

are face

ortage

in the Royale. For example, automatic transmission is standard. (You can have manual, if you prefer, at no additional cost.)

Nor is the car required to embrace a variety of humbler engines.

Only one is offered: a 2.8 little 6-cylinder unit that

accelerates the Royale to a top speed of 115 mph.

Inside, the furnishings are such that even the most critical of travellers will find little to carp at.

The seats are covered in crushed velour with head

Hence, the appointments, generally found on the options lists of other cars, are already present restraints at the rear as well as the front.

Hence, the appointments appointments at the appointments at the appointments at the rear as well as the front.

In fact, the Royale's specification is so complete that the only option offered is air conditioning.

You can even adjust the driver's seat for height, as well as for reach and rake.

Additionally, the steering wheel can be tilted and the steering is powered.

Those interested in the smaller details will find central locking for the doors, an electronic boot release, a sliding steel sunroof and radio/stereo cassette player.

While outside are double-skinned metallic paint, alloy wheels and a headlamp wash/wipe system.

these virtues to you.

And you'll find he hasn't the slightest inhibition about extolling the car's remarkable value.

Lerwick

guizers

met, breastplate and axe, led

his squad of grandly robed and

rowdy Vikings through the streets of Lerwick last night. Behind them 800 torch

bearers in carnival dress

marched and sang songs about fiery forefathers, battle cries-thundering o'er the quaking earth and tyrants being brought

to their knees.
With the ritual burning of a

wick, but Soothmoothers (anyone from outside the island) are welcome if they are tenacious enough to reach Shetland on the last Tuesday in January

when air and seaways are in-variably struck by snow, fog, blizzards or all three. The Up-Helly-Aa rule is that

guizers (disguised men), each squad with its particular theme and astonishing costumes, march through the town and

take turns to visit a dozen or

so halls where they perform spectacular acts.

The festivities never end be

fore another wintry dawn has crept like a headache over Lerwick and last year it was four in the afternoon before the Guizer Jarl crashed into

There are strong Norse con-nexious, hence the adoption over the years of such heroic Nordic names as King Magnus Barelegs, Halfdan the Black, Tore the Hound and Earl Thor-finn the Mighty for the Guizer

pressure.

The Shetland Movement, an independent group, now has more than 500 members, including nearly half the elected council. It is demanding a new testing for Shetland more sufficient.

status for Shetland, more autonomy and a better deal for the
depressed fishing industry.
Once the Up-Helly-Aa embers
have cooled the movement will
put proposals for important
constitutional reforms to its

members. If agreed, they will go to the Shetland Islands Council and then to the Govern-

Planning Reporter

Grantham Clear and unmistakable proof of national need was a first essential for the granting of the Vale of Belvoir, Sir Frank Layfield, QC, said yesterday. In the 10 weeks that the public inquiry had so far lasted the National Coal Board had failed to demonstrate such a need. The board's case was quite inadequate, he claimed.

Sir Frank was addressing the inquiry on behalf of Leicestershire County Council, one of more than fifty objectors to the

"No single case since the end of the Second World War has been the subject of a planning inquiry where the proposals in question have had so great an impact on the English countryside", he said. "Nor have any been promoted which are likely to continue over a greater period."

So far the inquiry had almost exclusively contemplated the problems which would arise if permission were refused. He was now asking it to consider the economic as well as the environmental dangers of grant-

The structure plan setting out strategic development policy for the county had been approved in May, 1976. At that time the existence of the Belvoir coal reserves was well known, as could be seen from the board's document Plan for Coal, formulated in 1973 and published in June, 1974. That published in june, 1777. The plan made it quite clear that if any new mineral workings were to be approved, they would have to be shown to be in the national interest.

classes in Avon yesterday as teachers began a three-day

strike over education cuts, and in Nottingham more children

were affected in a separate dispute over suspension of a school mistress.

As nine secondary schools in Avon, with a total roll of 14,000

were affected by the strike, the

county's education committee chairman, Councillor Norman

Reece, claimed that few mem-bers of the National Union of

He said: "The strike action is cracking at the seams. I think it is futile." Mr Reece said in Bristol that his committee was criticized for making £4m education cuts this year, but if it had deferred

the cuts the result next time would have been catastrophic.

in 1980-81 would then have had

to be around £10m."
Mr Jack Evans, Avon NUT

By Diena Geddes
Education Correspondent
The Government's controversial assisted places scheme

sial assisted places scheme moved nearer realization yester-

day when clause 17 of the Edu-

cation Bill, under which the £55m scheme would be set up.

passed its committee stage in the Commons after more than

35 hours of debate.

Most of the details of the scheme, including such crucial matters as who would be eligible for Government assis-

tance with independent school

fees, still have to be settled. Mr Mark Carlisle, Secretary

of State for Education and Science, is expected to decide on a possible scale of remission

soon, and will publish proposals for comment in the next few

Miner wins back

A miner has won a four-year battle to stop his union from

deducting a political levy of £2.20 a year from his pay.

Mr William Richards, aged 63, of Bidworth, near Mansfield, Nottinghamshire, has been

given back his money by the Nottinghamshire branch of the

National Union of Miners after

it was ruled that the deduction,

for the Labour Party, broke the 1913 Trade Union Act.

from this date.

membership renewal date.

The

American Express Card

effect from 1st February 1980 the fees for American

Enrolment fee per account . . . . £15.00

Annual subscription for each card . £12.50

A new scale of rebates reflecting the number of

Corporate Cards held by a company is also effective

For established accounts the new annual

American Express Company Incorporates with Limited Liability in the U.S.A.
J. S. Quartley, Resident Vice-President – United Kingdom and Ireland.

subscription rate will be charged at the next

Express Corporate Card accounts will become:

American Express Company announces that with

political levy

My estimate is that the cuts

Teachers were involved.



Frank Layfield, QC: Board's case "quite inade-

large scale independently of an assessment of overall national energy needs, he continued. But the board had presented no such assessment.
The Department of Energy

forecasts showed the demand for coal for power stations peaking in 1990 at between 89 million and 94 million tons and falling to between 66 million and 75 million tons in the year 2000. It appeared therefore that the Belvoir mines would come into operation in the very decade in which a steep decline in demand for coal was taking

"Are not these very surpris-ing figures on which to base the case for an overwhelming national demand for coal in the first 20 years of the Belvoir project? " Sir Frank asked. Nor could the case for eco-nomic need be justified by pos-sible demands in markets other It was quite unrealistic to than power stations, he argued, put forward an argument for No evidence had been advanced the extraction of coal on any for the emergence of such a

were involved yesterday.

The stoppages are to be

repeated over the next two weeks. In all, 30 secondary schools will be involved on

Pupils off yesterday were mainly in the first three years.

Headmasters made alternative arrangements to ensure that

Parents threatened to sue

striking teachers for breach of contract at a rowdy meeting at Hartcliffe comprehensive school, Bristol.

Fifty teachers in the Notting-

ham area begun a three-day strike in support of a nursery mistress, Mrs Eileen Crosbie, aged 36, suspended for refusing

to teach a class of 40.

The stoppage closed St
Albans infant school at Arnold,

essisted-places school.

As the family income

increased, so the Govern-

ment assistance, payable in the

form of a flat-rate grant, would

decrease. Families with two

children and a gross annual in-

come of £10,000 or above would

receive no assistance at all. Those with two children and a

gross income of £8,000 would receive £550 towards the cost

pupils

Wednesdays and

were given

7.000 pupils miss classes as

About 7,000 pupils missed in Avon, although only a few

Mr Jack Evans, Avon NUT Nottingham, and severly spokesman, said the strike was affected another infant school, a protest over staffing and was two primery schools and one

supported by the 5,000 members secondary school.

Assisted places nearer

teachers start strike

go on the march demand did arise, there was no evidence that Belvoir was the Jan the Bear Hunter, the Guizer Jarl, flames reflecting in the metal of his winged belplace best fitted to meet it.
"We invite you to say that
the coal board's case fails on

essential question of need ... he stated. Sir Frank said that environ-mental effects had been con-siderably underestimated. The vale was one of the few areas of southern England which were relatively unspoiled and where agriculture was unhindered in supplying the nation's food. The board's pro-posals would undoubtedly cause

portant agricultural losses. Some 595 hectares would be lost permanently and 589 hec-tares lost temporarily, or more accurately, not entirely per-manently. Apart from the mine shafts and tips, land would be raken for a large number of

other projects.

If the life of the coalfield was extended from 50 to 75 years the additional land take was estimated at between 166 and 366 hectares, making a total of between 1,350 and 1,550 hectares.

Among other drawbacks he listed were the severance of farms; damage from subsi-dence and disturbance to water electricity supply lines and high pressure gas mains. There were considerable doubts about the board's estimates of the rate of tip restoration and of the amount of land that would be out of use at any one

There would be a disturb "There would be a disturbing and endemic loss of agricultural land on a scale unprecedented except in the
case of the very largest defence
installations," he said. The
council's estimate for the loss
in crop values was £20.6m over
50 years and £28.1m over
vests. compared with the years, compared with the board's figures of £3.2m and £4.9m respectively.

# **Princess Anne** may bid for part of airfield

Princess Anne and Captain Mark Phillips will have a chance to buy an airfield when the Government auctions a disthe Government suctions a dis-used military aerodrome in the Cotswolds later this year.

They are believed to be in-terested in bidding for part of Aston Down, near Stroud, Gloucestershire, which adjoins their Getcombe Park Estate.

A gliding club which has been using the runways for weekend flying said it would be

weekend flying said it would be bidding. "We are prepared to pay the market price for the runway system", Mr John Hol-land, the Cotswold Gliding Club president said. "But we want a chance to buy the runways, con-trol tower and hangar facilities before the public auction."

# Refusal of aid to disabled put to Ombudsman

An investigation by the combudsman into the validity of a local authority decision to selt financial assistance for aids and adaptations in the homes abandoned. It is better to the Orthude. By Our Political Staff Ombudsman into the validity of a local authority decision to recommended in the Department of Education and Science, halt financial assistance for aids and adaptations in the homes of severely disabled people was a family with a gross annual in-come of £4,500 a year or less requested yesterday by Mr Ahred Morris, Labour MP for Manchester, Wythenshawe, the former Labour Minister for the Disabled. and two children would have all their tuition fees paid by the Government, regardless of the size of the fees. The school, however, must be a designated

His call is based on correspondence which he received after his article in The Times of January 16 entitled "Where there is no saving in being mean". He was told of a family in Trafford who have a son aged 14 suffering from muscu-lar distrophy who has become too heavy for his father to carry upstairs. The parents asked for

The Trafford social services minis department said: "It became issue necessary to call a halt to all duty"

In his letter to the Ombuds-man, Mr Morris calls ettention

to a ruling given by a previous Ombudsman (Sir Idwal Pugh) in May, 1976, that "the Department [of Health and Social Security] received legal advice that a local authority could not pland lack of money a consequence. that a local authority could not plead lack of money as a reason for not meeting need. "

Mr Morris has also sent to the Ombudsman a reply he received from Mr Reg Prentice, Minister for Social Security, about another case involving a disabled child in Trafford, where the cost of an adaptation was met by a charity. In this letter, Mr Morris claims, "the minister totally ignored the issues of principle and legal duty".

jackets, one coat and six poirs of trousers.

# Big prizes urged for council lotteries

powers to set up regional lotteries offering big cash prizes of £100,000 or more if town hali lotteries were to have any chance of survival, Mr Richard Brew, deputy leader of the Greater London Council, said yesterday.

we are asked to make substantial savings in public spending, lotteries are an effective way of helping to fill the gap. There has never been a time when faced with an in-house opera-tion or no lottery at all.

The maximum prize was at present restricted to £1,000. But there was irrefutable evithey were needed more."

Mr Brew called for a change in legislation to allow the setting up of regional lottery "clubs" covering whole counties, or perhaps two counties. dence that attractive prizes, such as a jackpot of £100,000 or more were the key to high turnover and success.

"It would be a tragedy if such a valuable source of income was lost,", he said. "At a time when lost,", he said. "At a time when the said. "At a time when the said. "At a time when the said. "Because most lottery operators had found them an uneconomic proposition, local said. "Why not here?"

# Man killed his wife during break from work, QC says

From Our Correspondent Notringham

Leslie James, a fitter, took half an hour off work "for personal reasons and went home and murdered his wife, Mr Percy Grieve, QC, for the ant and did nothing about it' prosecution, said at Nottingham Crown Court yesterday. Two workmen heard the killing taking place but did nothing about it, counsel added.

After suffocating his wife and stabbing her with a clasp knife he had borrowed from a workmare, Mr James, aged 36, returned to his job at an engineering works. At lunch-time he left work again and changed the lock on the back door of his wife's home in Norton Street, Grantham.

Mr Grieve said that Mrs Jennifer James, aged 33, left her husband in December, 1978, and set up home in Norton Street. She formed a relation-

ship with Mr Nigel Duffield, who planned to live with her. On May 1, last year, two workmen heard loud screams and a heavy thud from Mrs James's house. "Unfortunately they dismissed it as unimportcounsel continued.

When Mr Duffield went to the house later that night he found Mrs James's hody lying in the hall in a bloodsoaked nightdress. She had been stabbed three times. When interviewed Mr James

when interviewed for junta-said he had gone to visit his wife to discuss their children, Mark, aged 11, and Sarah, aged eight. He said he "just went mad" when his wife told him he would not be said to to see he would not be able to see the children again when she and Mr Duffield set up home to-

Mr James, of Hornsby Road, Granman, has denied a charge of murder.

The trial continues today.

**WEST EUROPE** 



# Man dies after bomb explosion at embassy

the Guizer Jarl crashed into his bed.

Jan the Bear Hunter, aliias Mr Donald Leslie, greengrocer and confectioner, said that although Up-Helly-As had all the air of a pagan Viking affair, the festival in its present form was hardly a hundred years old.

There are strong Norse con-From Charles Hargrove Paris, Jan 29 A man was killed and eight people were injured, three of them badly, when a bomb exploded this morning at the Syrian embassy in Paris, two bours before the arrival of Mr Abdul Helim Khaddam, the Syrian Foreign Minister. Jarl,
Up-Helly-An is a homely cele-bration underlining the islands' ancient Nordic links and the distinctive qualities of Shet-landers. This sense of identity has taken stronger form since the oil industry arrived at Sullom Voe and the economy of the islands came under The explosion occurred at 11.30 am when about 30 mem-

bers of the embessy staff were on the premises. It wrecked the whole of the ground floor and part of the first floor. A young French woman, applying for a visa, had a miraculous escape. The Syrian Ambassador was in his office on the first floor at the back of the building. The dead man is Mr Hammsni Marwaene, aged 34, a member of the administrative staff who died from his

tive staff who died from his wounds shortly afterwards.

The bomb appears to have been placed in the office where visas are delivered and the force of the blast was such that a chambermaid who hap-

'Soft strike' in

**Professor Küng** 

From Our Own Correspondent

The students said they would demand that instead of lectures, students and done should discuss the ban. If they did not get their way within 10 minutes, they would walk out They appear unlikely to meet

much resistance because most of the staff support. Dr Küng and his efforts to remain in the faculty.

Well dressed thieves

support of

Bonn, Jan 29

league.
Addicional police measures
were taken immediately after

she was hurled against a wall. Firemen had to clear a mass of debris before they could reach the injured. A Syrian diplomat said there

had been no threats against the embassy recently and there was no special security guard in the building, located on the edge of the Bois de Boulogne. He did not exclude the possibility that the bomb smack was connected with the visit of the Syrian minister, who is in Paris as the guest of M Jean Fran-cois-Poncet, his French col-

were taken immediately after the explosion for the minister's security. This is the third attack against an Arab embassy since 1973, when a Palestinian terrorist group took 16 hostages at the Saudi Arabian embassy. In 1976, two people, including a policeman, were killed in the shooting that followed the taking of hostages by two Palestinian terrorists.

# EEC agree on total catch limits for fish

From Michael Hornsby

Brossels, Jan 29 Mr Peter Walker, the Minister of Agriculture and his EEC colleagues today approved total catch limit for 1980 for the main species of fish caught in Community waters, as well as a system of catch reporting to enable observers of these limits to be monitored by the Europeen Commission

Agreement on these two points represents important progress in the two years of nego-ciations on a common EEC fisheries policy. But the ques-tion of how to share out the total catch is still unanswered. Mr Walker had indicated that Britain might be wilking to modify its previous blanket opposition to any fishing agree-ments with non-EEC countries prior to a settlement of the Community's internet fishing

The British attitude, first laid down by Mr Walker's Labour, predecessor, Mr John Silkin, hes held up agreements ou reci-procal fishing right with a num-ber of Scandinavian countries. Britain may now be ready to look at such agreements on a

Mr Walker's more conciliatory approach is seen by some as an attempt to improve the amosphere for discussion of Britain's cslaim for a reduction in its contribution to the EEC others, have linked any concessions on the budget to evidence

of Britaish goodwill in other It is still not clear, however, whether Mr Walker is prepared to be more flexible over what have hitherto been Britain's two main demands: exclusive fishing rights for British fisher-men within 12 miles of the coast and a preferential share of the catch between 12 and 50

British waters contain about 60 per cent of all the fish caught in the EBC's collective 200-mile "pond". The British view up to now, supported by British fishermen, has been that British trawlers should be allocated about 45 per cent of the total Community catch.

The best offer to date would not give British fishermen more than about 25 per cent of the total catch, and there is no sign yet that other member states are prepared to be more

# Surplus butter sales cannot be stopped

Brussels, Jan 29 Despite much huffing and puffing from British ministers about the "scandal" of culprice sales of surplus EEC butter to the Soviet Union, there is very little they can do to stop this trade, given the way the Community works.
The only consolation for the

the Russians will have to be content with older stocks of butter, some of which have been in storage for a year or

Normally at is the long-suf-fering EEC housewife on whom these less-than-fresh supplies, dressed-up as cut-price "Christmas butter", are palmed off, while the Sowiet Union revictuals itself straight from the Community market with the aid of handsome export subsidies paid for by the EEC taxpayer.

From the beginning of next month the Commission will operate a new system for control-ling butter sales to the Soviet Union and East Europe. Every fortnight, traders will be asked to submit tenders for export of butter from the Com-munity's stockpiles, and the Commission will accept the

best offers.
Last week Mr Finn Olav Gundelach, the EEC Commissioner for Agriculture, indicated that over the year as a whole the Commission intended

From Our Own Correspondent to permit the sale of about Brussels, Jan 29 60,000 to 80,000 tonnes of butter to the Soviet Union under this tender system. Mr Gundelach argued that exports of this order were "normal" and thus in line with the decision of EEC foreign ministers earlier this month to respect "traditional trade flows" with the Russians while not helping them to fill gaps

left by American sanctions. The Commission's figures are based on butter exports to the Soviet Union during the last three years. A longer reference period—favoured by Britain would produce a much lower level of "normal" sales because there were virtually no exports in the three years up to

of exports judged appropriate by the Commission can only be challenged by a two thirds majority of the votes held by member state. Since big countries have more votes than small, the Commission would only need two big countries on In fact, Britain is very much

in a minority in the view it takes of butter sales to the Russians. Indeed any pressure on the Commission is likely to be in the direction of increasing sales beyond the figure pren-tioned by Mr. Gundelach rather

# Italian terrorists kill sixth victim as fate of security Bill is still in balance

Rome, Jan 29

Terrorists today claimed their Roman Catholic theology students at Tübingen Univer-sity today started a two-day "soft strike" in protest against sixth victim so far this year with the killing of Signor Silvio Gori, deputy technical director of the Montadison petrochemical plant at Mestre as he the Vatican's decision to ban Professor Hans Küng from was leaving his home for work. teaching
The students said they would

Witnesses say that three people shot him. A woman later

Paris, Jan 29.—Moments after the theft of clothes from a Paris shop police were able to arrest two men wearing the loot, 14 leather windchesters, three protest

Belgian rail strike Brussels, Jan 29.-A one-day strike for more pay by engine drivers halted half of Belgian train services today.

telephoned a Venice newspaper and claimed responsibility in the name of the extreme leftwing Red Brigades. The mur-dered man was 48, and married, with an 18-year-old daughter. He had worked at the plant on the Venetian lagoon since 1975. There is little indication why he was chosen as his work was described as purely technical. All three main trade union federations jointly called for a strike and a demonstration of

The other five victims so far were Signor Piersanti Matta-rella, head of the Sicilian regional administration whose regional administration whose killers have still not been identified beyond doubt as political terrorists; three policemen and a carabinere officer. Any army officer has been severely wounded and 18 policemen were injured in the

station.

This latest killing has come in the wake of the Govern-ment's decision last night to make parliamentary approval of its anti-terrorist measures a question of confidence to end obstructionism in the Chamber of Deputies.

The small Radical Party which has 18 deputies has put down 7,000 amendments to the

measures. In the course of a free debate, all these would be introduced and explained by the party.

The measures are already in effect in the form of decrees but need parliamentary approval to become permanent. Without such approval, they would lapse 60 days after having hear introduced a deadline. would sapee of days after hav-ing been introduced, a deadline which falls in mid-February. The action of the Radicals would certainly have taken the debate beyond that deadline. Signor Francesco Cossiga, the Prime Minister, was faced with a difficult decision. The impot-ence of Parliament in the face of obstructionism on this scale

deprives Parliament of its right to initiate legislation and leaves it with the task only of approving retrospectively what the Government has decided to do. The Radical Party's obstructionism combined with the Government's reaction in making

attack on the ground that it

the issue a matter of confi-dence means in effect that Parliament is unable to make what might be seen as improvements in the decrees. There is also a certain risk for the Government. Some of the Socialists on whose abstentions the Government depends :..

for its parliamentary majority do not like the texts as they stand. At the same time the Socialist Party as a whole would certainly be aware of the risks of bringing down the Government at a difficult moment on a very delicate issue indeed.

The continued killing may be seen either as added evidence of the need for stronger of the need to securion measures or as an indication hans he that the decrees so far have shown little efficacy. A successful outcome of the vote which was already causing concern because of the falling prestige will be taken later this week cannot wholly be taken for

### Nato awaits Warsaw Pact reply on offer to cut back troop numbers in Europe From Frederick Bonnart

Brussels, Jan 29 Western countries negotiating

the reduction of forces in Europe are awaiting a response from the Warsaw Pact to a package offered by Nato at the

end of last year which included the withdrawal of ground troops by both sides. The principal obstacle in the past has been the disagreement bout the total number of Warsaw Pact ground forces in the "guidelines area", that is,

West and East Germany, Belgium, Holland, Luxembourg, Poland and Czechoslovakia. The negotiating countries which includes those with troops stationed in the area as well as Britain, the United States and Canada on one side, and the Soviet Union on the other, have agreed on the Nato total, but there is a discrepancy of 150,000 between the Warsaw Pact assessment of their own

This gap, which could leave the Warsaw Part with an advantage of some 10 divisions if parallel reductions were made, is considered by Western negotiators to be too wide to be simply ignored: It has been

troops (805,000) and Nato esti-mates (955,000).

Nato has put forward a pack-age of measures to break the deadlock. A phase I plan limits
the proposed withdrawals to
ground troops of the United
States and the Soviet Union
only (13,000 American and
30,000 Soviet soldiers), and does not include tanks or nuclear weapons.

Clearly, before an agreement is reached both sides must be satisfied that their figures are correct. There is some hope of this as, according to Nato sources, the disagreement on figures is not over Soviet troops but those of other East European countries, in particular Poland.

The package also includes confidence-building measures such as agreements about notification of large troop movements and exercises. In view of the cases of the case of the cases of the cases of the case of the case of the cases of the case of t the speed with which forces can be moved today, these are to extend to zones to the rear of the "guidelines area" on both sides, including that of the western Soviet Union. However, this has already re-

sulted in an initial negative reaction by the eastern side in informal discussion when they received the proposals, even though the associated verifica-tion procedures, which mean stationing inspectors at airfields, railway stations, ports and other points of entry, as well as a specified number of

overflights by observer aircraft, do not include the territory of The Western proposals were tabled on December 19, in-

mediately after the Nato Council meeting which offered a range of arms control measures to the Warsaw Pact. The latter included negotiations on the Theatre Nuclear Forces, the 108 Pershing 2 ballistic missiles and the 464 ground launched cruise missiles, which Nato had then decided to station in Europe. The proposals on nuclear weapons received confirmation here in Brussels last Friday at a Nato Council meeting es

ishing a special consultative group on arms control to which, the alliance declared, it remained firmly committed. Diplomatic circles at Nato consider that, notwithstanding the deterioration in détente

caused by the Sovier military intervention in Afghanistan, there was every intention of pressing on with arms control negotiations as these were of benefit not only to the West but to the world in general.

Whether the Soviet Union has a similar attitude will be seen by the reaction of the Warsaw Pact in Vienna on Thursday to the Western proposals According to well-informed sources it is considered unlikely that they will be accepted at this stage.

### Austria plans energy link with Comecon From Sue Masterman

Vienna, Jan 29

Austria has completed nego-tiations with Russia to link the Comecon (Soviet block) electricity network with Austria's The link-up planned to be-come operative in 1985 is part

of a larger scheme for the West to guarantee a basic electricity supply to the East, which will in turn provide extra energy for western peak periods. Switzer-land, West Germany and Italy have shown a great deal of interest in such a scheme. Agreements have already been signed with Yugoslavia which during the early spring

thaw can export hydro-electric energy to Austria. In the early winter, the situation is reversed. The first step in the project will be a new 750kW cable link between points in Hungary and

During negotiations in Moscow earlier this month, the Soviet Union expressed interest in making Austria the central point for an exchange of natural gas between East and West.
Austria at present imports
natural gas from Russia.

The Russians and Austrians have a new pipeline system on the drawing board which would enable the capacity to be expanded to 40,000 million cubic

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# **Angry Pravda attacks Carter** speech as 'rude violation of recognized norms' of conduct

From Michael Binyon Moscow, Jan 29

President Carter's State of the Union message was a chal-lenge to the very essence of international law, a long and sharply-worded leading article in Pravda said today.

His message was a rude vio-lation of generally recognized norms of international relations and an attempt to go back to the last century, when imperialism could carve up the map of the world with impunity. Not since the peak of the Cold War had the "cult of brute force" been so openly professed, Pravda said, and it asked by what right the United States gave itself the role of supreme arbiter in questions of how people should build their lives.

Reflecting the views of the Kremlin leadership, the un-signed editorial in the Communist Party newspaper—the

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the oil-producing countries were an area of vital interest to America to claims made in the race for land in the old Wild West.

Tomorrow, Pravda said, Washington would "stake a claim" to other natural resources. And after that, it remarked sarcastically, it might go on to declare the atmosphere and the planet's oxygen as its own.

In proclaiming various areas of the globe as vital to Ameri-can interests, the United States was steadily advancing these spheres directly to the borders of the Soviet Union.

Pravada accused the Carter Administration of famning up a "hysterical militarist cam-paign" against the Russians. "In the military-political and economic measures being car-ried out or planned by the White House there clearly emerges the desire of the United States to intimidate the developing countries, to attempt to complicate their relations to complicate their relations repel an external threat, and with the Soviet Union and said they would be withdrawn other socialist countries, to when the threat had gone.

Washington, Jan 29
Mr Harold Brown, the
Defence Secretary, said today
that the United States may be
at a "critical turning point" in
lustory and must meet it by
deciding to remain "the
strongest nation in the world".

"The elternative is to let

ourselves slip into inferiority,

a harsh world where principles unsupported by power are victimized, and to become a nation with more of a past than - future. I reject that alternative, and I know that the Congress does as well.".

President Carter's decision to seek a 5.4 per cent real increase in defence spending next year as outlined in the budget pub-

lished here yesterday for the 1981 financial year.
He released a bulky 329-page report on the Administration's plans for military spending

when he appeared on Capitol Hill to testify on the defence budget before the armed services committee of the House of Representatives.

As might be expected, when Defence Secretary has to

defend an ebnormally high increase in spending at a time of financial austerity, Mr Brown painted a particularly bleak picture of the country's de-

Although, during the past decade, the United States never

Brown was justifying

From David Cross

split the champions of peace, détente and progress and to dictate its conditions to them." It said this "openly militaristic and hegemonistic platform" of the American Administration had been condemned by soberminded people all over the world. The course aimed, in effect, at a return to the policy of brinkmanship, and it was no

coincidence that only the most bellicose circles in Nato and the Chinese leaders blinded in their rabid nationalism, supported the American President's threadbare ideas. Pravda accused Mr Carter of "absurd inventions" about the Soviet Union and in particular about Soviet policy towards Iran and Afghanistan. These inventions were used to substantiate Washington's hollises. stantiare Washington's bellicose

programme, and cover up the fact that the present unprecedented programme of militarization began at least three years munist Party newspaper—the most authoritative and strongest comment yet on President Carter's speech—compared America's claim that Mr Carter's State of the

Mr Carter's State of the Union message was an akward attempt to justify American policy towards Iran, which Pravda said had brought a quarter of a century of desponse and cost the Iranian people tens of thousands of lives.

But attempts to cast aspersions on Moscow's clear policy towards Iran were untenable. The Sovier Union, the article went on, wanted to see the Sovier-Iranian border, regardless of political fluctuations in the world, as a border of peace and cooperation.

and cooperation.

"It is the United States and not the Soviet Union that has continued, right up to the pre-sent day, to speak to Iran in the language of Diktat; it is the United States and not the Sovier Union that is most unceremoniously interfering in the internal affairs of that

country."

Pravda repeated Soviet asset tions that the Rusians sent their troops to Afghanistan only to

**Congress warned of Soviet might** 

acquired all the readiness and

mobility it needed it was not penalized for it because its

enemies were relatively sluggish

and the country was not put to the test by challenges out-side South-East Asia, he said.

"But now times are changing. Without reducing the large forces stationed in Eastern

Europe, the Soviets have tripled the size of their forces in the

Far East, and they are develop

ing navel and other capabili-ties that will permit them to operate well beyond the peri-

phery of the USSR.

"Their posture, overall, has

grown more modern and parts of it have reached a high state of combat readiness. We can no

longer preclude their being

able to operate simultaneously in several different parts of the

These developments, com-bined with a number of internal

areas of great interest to the

United States, were beginning

to put heavy pressure on America's non-nuclear defences.

On the tactical nuclear front,

too, even with existing United

States programmes, " we will not

have overcome all our nuclear problems". Mr Brown said. That was why Nato was proceeding with the development of two

land-based, longer-range mobile

missiles—the Pershing 2 and ground-launched cruise missiles-

In the strategic sector, how-

and international disputes

world ", be declared.

he concluded.

in the President's message there was virtually no mention of disarmament. The entire course of the President's message and in his speech to Congress on January 23, showed that he intended to replace goodintended to replace good-neighbourly relations between the Soviet Union and America by confrontation and the curilment of cooperation.

The newspaper claimed that all this was being done to further Mr Carter's chances in the presidential election. It said that during his three years in office voters came to see that problems such as the economy, the energy crisis and inflation were not being solved.

So Mr Carter resorted to the

age-old device of attempting to divert Americans' attention from obvious setbacks in domestic policy and a number of "serious failures" in foreign

For these purposes a militarist, chauvinistic psychosis is being stirred up in the United States. Acting as the initiator of a new flare-up of jingoism,

of a new flare-up of jiagoism, the White House is hoping to win the backing of the most reactionary circles.

"At the same time it is counting on neutralizing the other candidates from both bourgeois parties who in this situation will hardly be able to outdo the Administration, criticizing the present course of cizing the present course of Washington's policy from rightwing positions, because it is impossible to go further to the right than that."

The tone of the Pranda leading article, covering the

best part of a page of today's edition, is angry, impatient and reflects the very real personal antagonism towards President Carter which the Soviet leadership now feels.

At the same time the article is skilfully argued in many points, clearly aware of the currents of feeling and opinion within the United States, and points to the fact that Soviet policy towards Washington must now rely on the advice of a number of senior experienced officials in the field of Soviet-

In this context, the Defence Secretary made it clear that the Administration still sup-

ports the new strategic arms limitation agreement with the Soviet Union—Salt 2. "It serves our national security interests—

even more so when the Soviets are aggressive—but the timing of its ratification must defer to the urgent need that we

assess and respond to Soviet

actions in Afghanistan."

To signal his Administra.

tion's steadfast support for Pakistan's security, President Carter is sending his chief

security adviser to Islamabad

to discuss American aid plans.

Well informed officials in Washington said today that Mr

Zbigniew Brzednski, would bead a delegation of senior officials going to Pakistan later

Mr Brzezinski's main task

will be to work out details of a

military and economic aid

package totalling some \$400m

(£180m) over the next two years. He is likely to come

under some pressure to im-prove this offer from President Zia ul-Haq of Pakistan who has

dismissed 5400m as "peanuts".

But, Tass said, the earlier conference in Damascus of the foreign ministers of the Front for Steadfastness and Confron-tation—those Arab countries foremost in rejecting the Camp ever, the situation was much David treaty—had demanded brighter. "There can be no doubt", Mr Brown said, "that these (strategic nuclear) capathat the threat of military aggression by the United States against peoples of the Middle and Near East be put on the bilizies still provide the founda-tion on which our security rests. Without them the Soviet Union agenda of the Islamabad session. could threaten the extinction of the United States and its allies." The strong condemnation of

the Soviet occupation of Afphanistan by the 32-nation conference is a bitter setback to Soviet attempts to get the new Kermal regime in Afghanistan accepted by Muslims there and in other couptries.

In many ways it is a more pointed and telling defeat for the Russians than the recent Islamic solidarity, the state-United Nations General Assemment added, clearly anticionly does i isolation of Alghanistan from its Muslim neighbours, but the resolution adds the politically important weight of the Mus-lim world to the growing

# Moscow hopes upset by Muslim censure today's harsh resolution by emphasizing to their Arab allies that the new government in Afghanistan is deeply committed to respecting Islam and upholding the rights of Muslim clergy and believers. Moscow was deeply unhapped.

Moscow was deeply unhappy at the convening of the Islama-bad conference on Afghanis-tan's doorstep. The resolution on Afghanistan which Moscow

probably knew was inevitable

will complicate the already del-

icate Soviet relations with the Muslim world as well as give

The Russians have been

careful not to condemn the participants in the conference itself, which include a number of countries having close ties

Alghanistan, itself now sus-pended from membership of the Islamic conference, said in a Poreign Ministry statement

three days ago that any debate

of the so-called Afghan ques-tion constituted internal inter-

The statement said Afghanis-

tan's attendance would not

accord with its people's in-terests or those of other Mus-

lim countries, nor would it belp maintain peace in the

region.

"If this session takes deci-

sions directed against the in-terests of the Afghan people, the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan will regard them

weekend Mr Babrak Karmal

the Afghan leader, said in a

broadcast ther respect for Islam was "one of the slogans

and one of the sims of the

Islam had been seriously dis-criminated against under the

pre-revolutionary regime, and all Muslim clergy who had

been arrested, presumably since the revolution, were now free to engage in religious activ-

According to Tass, he said

pating the outcome.

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Moscow, Jan 29

to the Muslim world's condem-nation of the Soviet interven-tion in Afghanistan by accus-ing the United States of twisting the arms of Muslim countries to divert their attention from the threats of Zlonism and imperialism.

In a short despatch from Islamabad, Tass reported the Islamic conference decision to cut political and economic links with Egypt, but said nothing of the tough resolution on Afghanistan.

The news agency said the Americans, using rough tactics, were trying at whatever cost to "isolate Arab countries from their tested friends ".

vote on Afghanistan. Not movement in the West for a boycott of the Moscow Olympic

The Russians denounced the Islamic conference before it began as an attempt to split the Muslim world and divert attention from the real issues: American pressure on Iran and Israel's occupation of Arab

Mr Karmal guaranteed full For the past week, however, they were trying to bead off freedom to all believers, Sunni

### Iran accepts watered down Islamic protest conference would extend sup-port to the insurgents. From Husan Akhtar

Islamabad, Jan 29

Tribal people cross the no man's land between Afghanistan and Pakistan to carry on trade.

Acrimonions exchanges between several leaders of delegazions and Mr Kamel Kharrazi, iran's deputy foreign Minister, sharpened the final day's debate at the Islamic Foreign Ministers conference here today. At a press conference later. Mr Agha Shehi, Pakistan foreign affairs adviser and chairman of the conference, conceded that vigorous exchanges had taken place during the debate

behind closed doors on the Iranian resolution. Several delegates, including Irag, had held the Iranian Revolutionary Council responsible for creating the crisis in rela-tions with the United States.

The resolution eventually passed expressed the "sincere wish " that Iran and the United States resolve their outstanding problems by peaceful Much diluted, it avoided criti-

cising the United States for threatening to use force against Iran. Mr Shahi said it was the result of a consensus of opinion reached after hectic consulta-tions aimed at persuading Iran to accept it.

Iran had rejected the sugges-tion that the Secretary-General of the conference might extend his good offices towards finding settlement on the hostages dispute. Mr Shahi said that while

Afghanistan stood suspended as a member of the conference, Pakistan and other countries were expected to bro matic relations with Kabul soon. In pursuance of the foreign resolution, would refuse recognition to Mr Babrak Karmal's government. The call to join a holy war with the Afghan insurgents against the Kabul regime was withdrawn from the final resolution, as adopted by the foreign ministers, as it was thought it would be misconstrued as armed assistance by

Muslim countries to the insur-gents, Mr Shahi told reporters. Mr Habib Chatti, the conference

secretary-general, however, in-

Significantly, the resolution on Iran did not condemn the United States by name, which astonished most of the obser-While Pakistan had managed

to get adopted possibly the strongest resolution at any world forum, condemning the Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan and proposing 11 specific sanctions against the Kabul regime, Iran remained content with the passage of a resolution which keenly avoided naming the Americans as

In television and radio interviews, Mr Kharrazi had displayed a more militant temper. There were suggestions in the conference lobbies that the Iranians accepted the watered-down resolution in the hope that the Islamic states would back them to the hilt in the negotiations with the United States.

The resolution reaffirmed the rights of all states to exercise permanent, total and effective sovereignty over their natural and other resources and over assets and activities.

assets and activities.

It declared the member state's solidarity with the Muslim people of Iran in choosing whatever system they preferred based on the tenets of Islam as a system of social and political life.

resolution declared its firm opposition to any threat to use force, or any kind of intimidation or intermic sanctions against Iran or ang other Islamic country. From Pakistan's point of view,

the resolution on Afghanistan seems to have met all Islama-bad's expectations and should help it pave the way towards a switch in foreign policy so that massive military and economic assistance from the West and other friendly sources can be accepted

This would make the United States, relations with which were at such a low ebb that the American Embassy was reduced to ashes by frenzied mobs last that the Islamic year, a close ally.

# **Pundits** are forecasting defeat for Mr Kennedy From Patrick Brogan

Washington, Jan 29

The pundits here have already decided what is going to happen to Senator Edward Kennedy. When he "reaffirmed" his candidacy for the Presidency yesterday he did so. in the ringing tones of a con-vinced liberal. He made no mention of the need to balance the budget or to provide a defence "second to none".

He called Mr Carter a Republican President and claimed to represent, alone, the traditional liberal causes of Franklin Roosevelt and John F. Kennedy, The pundits think-that he is doomed to defeat, anyway, and has decided to go. down with his own colours nailed firmly to the mast, not Jimmy Carter's second best set, He will be defeated, they say, in the Maine Caucuses on Feb-ruary 10 and the New Hampshire primary on February 2%. Then he will bow gracefully

out of the race, return to the Senate—and there hold himself. in readiness to accept a call to serve next summer if Mr Carter makes a complete hash of it.

If Mr Carter survives, and

whether he is re-elected or not, Senator Kennedy would then be well placed to win the nomina-tion in 1984. The same pundirs are inclined to conclude their analyses with the suggestion that Mr Kennedy never wanted to run anyway, and is secretly relieved to have that cup taken from him.

They may very well be right. Pundits do not always get it wrong, though it is worth remembering that there was a splendid unanimity of view here

Mr Carter was then given no chance at all of winning the election, and precious little of bearing Mr Kennedy for the nomination. The pundits then persuaded him to consent to take over the party from the. President (it was guaranteed to be a walk-over) and he took the plunge last November 7.

If the pundits are wrong again, and Mr Kennedy's chances revive it will be because of external events and the President's ineptitudethough the "new Keunedy". will doubtless help.

The crises in Iran and Afghunistan, which saved Mr Carter between November and January, may now work against

him.
Last Autumn, before the selzure of the embassy in Tebran, Mr Carter tried out his re-election speech and be boasted that no American soldier had been killed abroad under his Presidency.

He was the President of

peace, He has turned circle since then, and is rattling every sabre be can reach and has enjoyed a great burst of popularity.

If things go wrong, or ever if the Iran crisis is settled in a messy and unglamorous way, the President's popularity may decline again as precipitously as

It has happened before, most recently last summer when his popularity rose dramatically after he made a speech confessing his faults, and collapsed immediately afterwards when he sacked half his Government.

The votes in Maine and New' Hampshire are almost upon us. the White House that they can polish off Senator Kennedy then, before the crises turn sour. The Kennedy campaign

running very short of money, its members are dispirited and Mr Kennedy has put on a very poor performance

# Smuggled letter says lost Afghans held in Russia

From Robert Fisk Kabul, Jan 29

a plans

Evidence has reached Kabul that several hundred Afghan political prisoners are being held inside the Soviet Union. need inside the soviet children in sources, whose families believed them dead, is contained in a letter smuggled out of Russia by an Afghan Shike priest arrested after the revolution has in 1978 here in 1978. The mullah, whose family

name is Waez, wrote secretly to his family to tell them that he and hundreds of other Afg-hans were being hel prisoner in Russia, working in a steel mill in Tula, 140 miles south He smuggled his letter out

with the help of a Soviet worker and an Aghan student from Moscow University who travelled by air to Kabul Ever since the new Govern-ment of Mr Babrak Karmal

began freeing political pri-soners from Kabul jails three weeks ago, there have been rumours that thousands of others—whose relatives waited in vain to greet them outside Polechowkri prison in Kabul earlier this month-were still locked up in the capital or in the provincial cities of Kandahar or Mazar-I Sharif.

Hundreds were undoubtedly murdered under the regime of Mr Hafizullah Amin, who was killed in the Soviet-supported coup on December 27.

The fate of the others, however, remained unknown. Afg-han Government officiels hinted two weeks ago that to reveal. foreign journalists would be taken to see mass graves where Amin's secret police had thrown the bodies of political who might one day be returned prisoners, but no such macabre to Afghanistan

killed by the Afghan secret police in the autumn of 1978, raises new questions about the

whereabouts of at least some

of the missing prisoners. According to his letter, he and

other Afghaus are referred to in the Soviet Union as "state prisoners" although all were arrested in Afghanistan. More intriguing, perhaps, is that the extremists who kid-napped—and later killed—Mr Adolph Dubbs, the United States Ambassador in Kabul, States Amnassaor In Ambil.

last year, allegedly demanded
the release of Mr Waez as the
price for Mr Dubbs's freedom.

At the time, the Afghan Government said it had no knowledge of Mr Waez. The Shiites

was known even among Sunni Muslims for his preaching in rural villages. Many Shiites were victims of Amin's purges and some are still popularly believed to be imprisoned in Polechowkri. When mobs broke into the jail two weeks ago, they found hundreds of men still held there but the Government

are the minority Islamic sect in Afghanistan but Mr Waez

claimed these were common criminals. What interest the Soviet Union would have in holding Afghan political prisoners is a mystery. It is possible that the Russians-in an attempt to prevent the wholesale butchery of prisoners by a regime which the Soviet Union openly sup-ported—offered to keep the in-mates temporarily, but that their imprisonment in Russia

It is also just possible that the Russians wanted to spare the lives of political prisoners

then became too embarrassing

In any event, those who knew But the letter from Mr Waez, Mr Waez in Afghanistan are who was assumed to have been convinced his letter is genuine.

# Senate votes to abandon

Moscow games From Our Own Correspondent Washington, Jan 29

Full Congressional approval for an American boycott of the Olympic Games in Moscow was assured today when the Senate, after a relatively short debate, overwhelmingly approved a resolution backing President Carter's request for the transfer fer, postponement or cancella-tion of the games.

If any of these courses failed to materialize and the Olympics went ahead in Moscow, Ameri-

can athletes should them, the resolution said. Boycott rejected: Cyprus will take part in the Moscow

Norwegian Olympic Committee has voted unanimously to boycott the games unless there is "a change in a favourable direction" in

# Tribesmen mistook German drivers for Russians They jumped out of their cabs

From Ian Murray Kabul, Jan 29

Two West German lorry drivers walked into Jalalabed with blistered feet on Sunday morning after having been kept prisoner by bandit tribesmen for a week. Only then did they discover that a third driver, an Austrian, had been shot dead shortly after the ambush in which they were all taken prisoner.

Their ordeal had begun in the evening of January 20, as they headed their two huge lorries into the Kabul gorge. It was five o'clock and Herr Wolfgang Hartyl, the owner of the lorries, and Herr Wolfgang Monset thought there would be enough daylight life to ger safely through the mountains to Kabul

But shortly after passing an Afghan Army motorized patrol heading in the opposite direction the two West German lorries came round the corner to find the road blocked by huge boulders which had been rolled down the mountainside.

to hide under their vehicles and within minutes they were surrounded by shouting tribesmen. Only one of them spoke any English and he asked if they were Russians. Herr Hartge told them that they were Germans but the tribes men refused to believe them. They were beaten up and ordered to march into the mountains. The third driver

refused to go and started shout-ing "not in the mountains". Herr Hartage and his co-driver decided to do as they were told. The third driver was found two days later with a bullet through his head It took a day for the two men

to convince their captors that they were not Russians and after that their treatment inged. They were taken from village to village, The rebel band was com-

prised of about 30 men, and each evening they left the vil-lages and disappeared into the ountains. They eventually mountains. They eventually let the driver go last Saturday

### Israel rejects Cairo plan for autonomy From Moshe Brilliant

Tel Aviv, Jan 29 Israel today refused to accept Egypt's proposals for Palestinian autonomy in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. It said the Egyptian model scheme was "disqualified".

Mr Haim Kubersky, head of

an Israel working group negotiating autonomy, told Mr Ezzat Abdul Latif, his Egyptian counterpart, that Cairo's proposals were a model for covereignty and not greenomy. overeignty and not autonomy. The Egyptians had earlier dismissed Israel's model as "totally unacceptable".

Mr Sol Linowitz, President

been made in the negotiations.

time focusing attention on the substantive issues", he said.

All of us are now for the first

However progress was nor evident at the meeting of the working group which began here last night. The Israelis said the Egyptians introduced a new element by proposing that Israel forces which, according to the Camp David agreement are to remain in specified secuyear transitional period and beyond, should have to consult with the Palestinian autonomous authority whenever they moved in or through the terri-

The Israelis said security was their concern, and not a subject for negotiation in the autonomy Carter's special envoy to the talks. talks, arrived this evening from The parties also remained Cairo and said in an airport interview that progress had

deadlocked over the status of Fifteen families and two single Ierusalem, which the Egyptians proposed as the seat of the autonomous institution, but to a new site east of Nablus on which the Israelis have public domain.

annexed; over Egypt's proelect a legislature and nor an executive authority as provided the Israel plan; and over Jewish settlements in the territories, which the Egyptians proposed should not be allowed to expand during the transition period, and then be dismantled. Dr Mustapha Kamil, the

Egyptian Prime Minister, is due to arrive tomorrow for talks on a ministerial level. The Israelis today began dismantling the Gush Emunim settlement of Elon Moreh,

south of Nablus, which the Israel High Court ruled had been established on Arab-owned land, unlawfully requisitioned. persons, who had been resisting eviction, began moving roday

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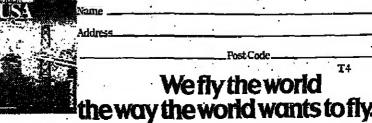
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# Angry accusations of unfair practices swopped in Salisbury

From Nicholas Ashford Salisbury, Jan 29

There were sharp words and short tempers in Salisbury today as leaders of different political parties pointed accusing fingers at each other and alleged all kinds of unfair electoral practices.

At a press conference former senior officials of the Zanu (PF) party accused their erstwhile leader, Mr Robert Mugabe, of being cruel and dishonest and of sufferiog from an "inordin-ate lust for power." The accusa-rion was made by Mr Rugare Gumbo, former information secretary of Zamı (PF), who was speaking on behalf of 64 dissident members of the party who were released from detention in Mozambique yesterday.

At another press conference at anotater press contenents in the afternoon, an exceedingly inste Bishop Abel Muzorewa, leader of the United African National Council (UANC), complained that he felt like a person who had "envered a business arrangement with crooks as partners in the Lancaster House ceasefire agreement."

'He lashed out at Mr Rajeshwar Dayal, the Indian hairman of the Commonwealth observer group, whom he accused of being cancerously biased because he had raised the question of alleged violafrom of the ceasefire by the security force eucliaries (Pfumo Revanhu) but not by Mr Mugabe's Zanla guerrillas. He has made a mockery of the Commonwealth observers," he

Cries of "foul" also flew around a meeting of the Electural commission today with party representatives accusing their opponents of incinidatory practices. The cries were loudest from the smaller parties which camplained to Sir John Boynton, the Election Commissioner, that they, unlike Zamu (PF), the UANC or the Patriotic Front, did not have private armies of their own with which to influ-

Lord Soames, the Governor, has publicly admitted that it would be impossible to hold an clection in southern Rhodesia, as in any other African country, which was completely free from intimidation. However, British

Three murderers

in the Bahamas

of a woman aged 19. Mr Hart

and Mr Storr were sentenced

to death for the murder in 1977

The last person hanged here was an American, Michiah

Shobek, who was executed in October, 1976, for the murder of a New York accountant. Eight other Bahamians are

awsiting execution in prison.—AP.

when cutter and

St Petersburg, Jan 29.— Divers have recovered four

bodies from the broken hull of

a sunken United States Coast

of the crew were rescued.

the Coast Guard, said the divers found one body on the cutter's

deck, one in the main corridor,

sank minutes after the 605ft

oil tanker Capricorn ripped into its port side, Coast Guard spokesmen said.—AP.

increasing numbers of Vict-

sech emiversary of the Communist Party of Vietnam on February 3 by fleeing their homeland.

More are leaving than at any time sance May. Some 3,500 arrived in countries of first

asylum during December and the number will be even higher

this month, according to United Nations refugee officials.

coming ashore in Thailand's

southern provinces because the

prevailing north-east monsoon pushes them almost in a straight line from Vietnam's western

seaboard to the south-east coast

ethnic Vietnamese who say they left voluntarily. Their main

complaints are not enough food,

ack of personal freedom and

"dependence, and fear of being

out either with the Army to

'ampuches or to a new econ-

The zones, which in some uses are located in old, devas-exed bambefields, have been

called Vietnam's Siberia.

Most of the new arrivals are

of Thailand.

mic zone.

More than half of them are

The 180ft cutter Blackthorn

and one in the engine room.

From Neil Kelly

Bangkok, Jan 29

tanker collide

25 lives lost

of a caretaker aged 60.

hanged

sources have pointed out that many of the accusations of overcion made so far lave been of a general rather than a specific

Meanwhile, the Cessefire communqué which showed that Zanka has been responsible for since the truce came into effect on January 4. The commission on January 4. Interconstruction includes communitaries from Zanka and Mr. Joshua Nicomo's Zipra as well as the Rhodesian security forces and the Commonwealth monitoring force that ruled that of the 78 confirmed breaches of the ceasefirmed breaches of the cease-fire, 34 were by Zanla and another 20 took place in Zanla's area of operation. By contrast Zipra was found guilty of only eight breaches while another two took place in its area of operation in the west of the country. The security force anotheries were held responsi-ble for only one breach. ble for only one breach.

The attack on Mr Mugabe by the Zanu (PF) dissidents was one of the strongest heard since the election campaign got under way. This is perbaps not sur-prising as his critics had spent two to three years in detention in Mozambique, much of it in appalling conditions.

Mr Gumbo, who was flanked by Mr Henry Hamadziripi, Mr Mukudzei Mudzi, Mr Ohrispen Mandizvidza and other promi-Mandizvidza and other prominent black nationalists, accused Mr Mugabe of being totally opposed to national unity and blamed him for the divisions that now exist within the party. The men did not say which of the nine blac kparties taking part in the election they would join. They said that they would consult all democratic forces in the country to establish a

the country to establish a framework for barmonizing national unity". As Mr Hamad-zaripi put it: "We want to find mula for unity."

Unity, it seemed, was the last thing Bishop Muzorewa had on his mind. Having just returned from a five-day tour of the eastern region, he lashed out right and left accusing the manifest and left accusing the manifest and left accusing the monitoring force of standing by while guerrilles went to and from assembly crees with impunity and adding a warning that he would ignore the verdict of the commonwealth







Freed detainees who criticized Mr Robert Mugabe in Shlisbury yesterday.

British consular officials have

weapons an dammunition on car

Bishop Muzorewa said that despite all the intimidation which he had come across dur-ing his visit to Manicaland he was still confident he would win the election. However, latest assessments by observers—which are admittedly only rough guesses—out the UANC in third place behind Zanu (PF), which is thought to be way in front, and Mr Nkomo's Patriotic Front (formerly

Briton detained: Zambia has issued a 29-day detention order on a Briton who crossed the border from Rhodesia with ammunition in his car and on

his passenger, a young Australian bitchliker, a British diplomat said in Lusaka today. They were arrested on Wednesday last week at the Kariba crossing point over the Zambesi river border 88 miles south-east

The car owner was named as Mr Brian Stanley, who is in his mid-thirties, married and works Patrioric Front. as a motor mechanic at the boating centre on Lake Kariba. He has lived in Rhodesia for

Diplomatic sources said the Zambian authorities appeared not to have decided what to do with the two men. Even if it was accepted that they were not spies or saboteurs, they could still be put on trial for illegal possession of ammunimore than three years, according to the diplomat. His passenger was Mr Jeffrey Holden, aged 20, a tourist who had hitched a ride with Mr Stanley before the border.

A British-bora Rhodesian Air Force pilot, Mr Michael Bor-lace, was arrested in Zambiia last April and is awaiting trial on suspicion of spying for Rhodesia. Three white airline pilots were held for several months in Zambian jails.

talked to Mr Stanley and told his wife of his plight. An Australian consular officer, based in Dar es Salaam but accredited to Zambia, has visited Mr Holden. Although Britain has as sumed responsibility for Rhodesia, Zambia remains in an official state of emergency Many white Rhodesians have become accustomed to carrying journeys during the guerrilla war, particularly around Kariba, a favoured infiltration and the call-up of reservists an national servicemen ordered in November is still in force.area for Zambia-based guerril-

# Many populated areas are permanently barred to foreigners

# Legacy of Ivan the Terrible seals up Russia

Moscow, Jan 29

Nassau, Jan 29.—Three murderers were hanged one after the other today at Fox Hill prison here in the first executions in the Bahamas since The main point in sending Dr Sakharov to Gorkly is that he can no longer meet western correspondents. The city is only 250 miles east of Moscow but any foreigner attempting to go there is breaking the law. Gorkiy is one of the many Soviet cities off limits to all but Soviet cities off limits to all but The Advisory Committee for the Prerogative of Mercy rejected last-minute pleas to spare the three men, Charles Dickenson, aged 21, Winsette Hart, aged 23, and Vernal Storr, aged 26. Mr Dickenson was convicted Soviet citizens since the Second World War.

sent to Sebastopol in the Crimea, Sverdlovsk in the Urals, Vladivostok in the Far East or to any little village in the Baltic republics—they are all in closed

Hundreds of thousands of square miles of Soviet territory in the most populated parts of the country are seeled off from foreigners. Moscow and Leningrad, open cities (except for certain areas) are ringed by hundreds of miles of closed hundreds of miles of closed countryside, vast stretches of Siberia as large as France and Spain stretching back from the Chanese frontier are permanently closed.

The idea of limiting the movement of foreigners in Russia goes back to the time of Ivan the terrible, when merchants and envoys from western

chants and envoys from western Europe were forced to live in Guard cutter and were today searching for 21 of the crew feared sealed inside. After a collision with a tanker just out-side Tampa Bay last night—28 specially allocated foreign ghettos in Moscow—as they still are. Travel and residence regulations have been enforced with varying degrees of strict-ness ever since.

The body of one of the crew was pulled from the water shortly after the collision. Lieutenant Phil Biedenbender, of Until the Second World War, however, it was theoretically possible for the few Western residents in the Soviet Union and tourists to travel anywhere they wanted, though such trips were frequently frustrated by the creation of bureaucratic

But at the beginning of the cold war in 1947, Stalin drew up a list of places officially and

They were given the choice of no food ration in the cities or half an acre of land for each family in the zones, with building materials, tools and

Some refugees with experience of the zones have spoken of them with horror. Their accounts have been confirmed

by visitors to Vietnam and even by some government statements.

Much of the land in the zones must be reclaimed before plant-

ing canals dug for irrigation and salty land flushed with

sweet water. City people who

have been small traders, book-

keepers or teachers do not take

easily to this work. Their first efforts at raising crops often

fail although they are supposed

after an initial period to feed themselves from their land.

Some of them, according to

Western diplomats and inter-

national agency officials in

Vietnam, are dying from mainu-trition and other diseases.

Others escape back to the cities or take to the boats.

East Asian capitals say the

refugee question is again under consideration by the Vietnamese

Western diplomats in South-

seed.

list, with occasional changes, has been in force ever since. Western diplomats protested vigorously but to no avail, So several countries, including the United States and Britain, imposed similar arbitrary travel restrictions on Soviet citizens in

There are 14 separate areas that are closed, together with but access to them is strictly certain rivers, roads and towns limited. Tourists must exher fly certain rivers, roads and towns of central Siberia, virtually inaccessible anyway, central Russia and the south-west of the country is open, border areas are generally closed.

tions vary. In some places, such as the huge closed zone in kazakhstan, military considerations are uppermost. Semi-palatinsk, in this area, is the centre for Soviet nuclear underground tests and for edvanced weapons testing. Near by is the Baikonur cosmodrome Soviet space abots are launched. Other areas surrounding military factories and key production plants are closed to stop Western military attaches visiting them. Gorkly, for example, has an aircraft factory, as well

as several car factories. All along the frontiers with Norway, Finland, Turkey, Iran and Afghanistan access is pro-bibited within 25 kilometres (16 miles) of the frontier presumably to stop anyone seeing the elaborate Soviet border de-

fences. Naval bases at Sebastopol. Balaclava and other parts of the Crimea are off limits, and so is the desolate and inaccessible strip of coastline on the Bering Sex facing Alaska.
Other more accessible areas

are closed, however, not for security reasons, but because the Russians do not want foreigners to mix with the local

Geneva conference last July may

Recent visitors to Hanoi say

reports circulating there indi-cate that large-scale emigration of the 750,000 people Vietnam regards as "unwanted" will be

regards as "unwanted" will be resumed shortly.

Cabinet changes: The Vietnamese Cabinet was reshufiled today, with changes in the Defence, Foreign Affairs and Economy portfolios, a diplomatic source said in Hanoi tonight.

They said that General Vo Nguyen Glap has been replaced at the head of the Defence

Ministry by General Van Tien

Dung, the armed forces chief of

Nguyen Co Trach, former Sec-retary of State, has become

Minister, replacing Mr Nguyen

Mr Le Thanh Nghi, chairman

of the State Planning Commis-sion (Ministry of Economy), has been replaced by Mr Nguyen

General Dung's promotion seemed to leave the way open

for General Giap to be promoted to senior Deputy Frime Minis-

ter, the source said.-Agence

Duy Trinh.

In the Foreign Ministry, Mr.

be coming to an end.

including two million people authorities. They believe that from Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon) restraints imposed on the to remote and inhospitable teresexually of boat people after the

and that population which may be I changes, nationalistic and hostile to the Soviet regime.

This is particularly true of the Bahic republics—Essonia, Latvia' and Lithuania, which were incorporated into the Soviet Union only in 1940. Their capital cities are open for tourists—they are beautiful and historic tourists—attractions—

historic tourist attractionsmay not drive and are dis-couraged from travelling by

ccessible anyway, central couraged from fraveling by classia and the south west of the ountry is open, border areas re generally closed.

The reasons for the restrictions vary. In some places, such as the huge closed zone in the finest in the whole country, considerations are uppermost. Semi-calculately, in this crea, is the entre for Soviet nuclear undertourist or the Foreign Ministry. Western Ukraine, the area that until the Second World War was anached to Poland, is a hotbed of Ukrainian nationalism, and is closed. Southern Azerbaran, where fundamentalist Muslim sentiment is strong and secret Suff bromberhoods flourish, is also

soviet hotels accept bookings only if the visa has first been endorsed for the visit. As a journalist, for example, I cannot travel anywhere out-side the Moscow region withside the Moscow region with-out writing a letter to the Foreign Ministry two days in advance, giving notice of my itinerary, mode of travel and place of stay. If I drive outside Moscow, police posts all along the route are informed of my car registration number and

date of travel. Periodically the regulations are changed. They were relaxed in 1953 and amended in 1968 and again in 1978. The latest changes closes leaves changes closed large tracts of lands, formerly open, adjoin-ing the Chinese frontier. The Jewish Auronomous Republic of Birobaijan in the Fer East was consequently pur out of bounds and cannot be visited.

Like everything in the Soviet Union, the rules can be waived if the authorities see good reason. Visiting statesmen have been taken to Baikonur. Mr Peter Scott, the naturalist, was allowed to visit wild life re-serves in closed sones two years

There are also patent anom-lies: Kazan, the ancient There are also patent anomalies: Kazan, the ancient enforce. A foreigner living in Tarar capital is also the place Moscow cannot simply get in where Soviet tanks are made, his car and drive out of the city. On all roads leading out of every Soviet city there are permanent police check points. Unless a foreigner has advance clearance, he will be stopped and turned back.

A resident diplomat, businessman or journalist cannot buy an air ticket without going through Intourist or the Foreign Ministry organization set up to deal with foreigners. Even if he got on a train or before doing so There are no made to take and the place where Soviet tanks are made, where Soviet tanks are made, and Thillisi, running within a few hundred yards of the Turkish frontier, can only be used by foreign tourists at night trains were full. I was booked on a day train as the night trains were full to travel beyond a 35-mile radius of the capital must respect to the set up to deal with foreigners. quest permission 48 hours Even if he got on a train or bus and was not recognized as closed zones in Britain but a foreigner, he could not stay there are restricted areas, like anywhere the other end as RAF airfields and nucleus sites.

# Thousands flee Vietnam's Siberia

# MPs angered by arrest of Gandhi case police chief

From Richard Wigg Delhi, Jan 29

There were noisy scenes in the Indian Parliament today, with opposition members alleging that the methods of the emergency had returned after the arrest at 6 am of Mr N. K. Singh, the deputy inspector general of the Central Bureau of Investigation.

Mr Singh, who was taken from his home, supervised last year the investigations in the so-called Kissa Kursi KA case involving Mr Sanjay Gandhi, son of the Prime Minister. Mr Gandhi, now a member

of Parliament, was sentenced to two years' jail by the Delhi High Court last year for mastealleged conspiracy to destroy the master copy of the Kissa Kursi Ka film which satirized the authoritarian meth-

Opposition members asked where was the healing touch or appeals loo Mrs Gandhi had promised High Courts an shortly after becoming Prime Court. Mr Sauja Minister again earlier this viction is on a month. They criticized the Supreme Court.

harassment of a police officer who was only doing his job. Both the Home and Law Ministers denied any arrest of Mr Singh, saying that he had only been taken away in connexion with an investigation. Later it was stated, however, that he had been freed on bail Mr Singh, who underwent everal hours of interrogation by the Gargaon police in Haryana state just outside Delhi, denied later to reporters that he had gone voluntarily. That in itself was arrest, he

abserved. Mr Rabi Ray, the former Health Minister in the Janess Government, said in Parliament that Mr Singh's arrest reminded him of the midnight knock when opposition leaders were arrested at the beginning of the emergency in June, 1975.

ods of Mrs Indira Gandhi during her previous tenure of power.

Mr Sntv Snanger, the Law Minister, told Parliement that the new Government had no intention of withdrawing cases Mr Shiv Shanker, the Law now before the special courts or appeals lodged with the High Courts and the Supreme Court. Mr Saujay Gundhi's conviction is on appeal with the

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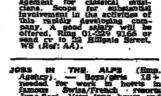
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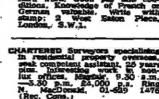
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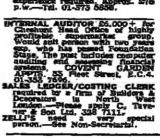


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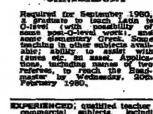




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### THE ARTS

# Working a rich seam

I like everything that is poitive in art, whether it is expressed through abstract or figurative art, said Joseph Herman, puffing on a pipe in the studio of his home in ungentrified West Kensington.

"By positive I mean with ideas that the studies of the same with ideas the state of the studies are stated as the same as the state of the same as that are clearly and simply stated, and original."

flerman, now 69, is the sub-ject of a major retrospective exhibition at the Camden Arts Centre, in Arkwright Road, NW3, which runs until March 2. He is not one of the older generation who finds himself out of sympathy with what has been going on in the art world. But he does feel that the last three decades have produced nothing of staggering importance compared with the outburst of creative genius in this century's first three.

"The main contribution of the twentieth century lies in modern figurative art and in exhibition at the Camden Arts

modern figurative art and in abstract art", he said "All the rest is minor happenings." Modern figurative art means for him painters like Picasso, Rouault and Nolde; abstract art means above all Kandinsky and Mondrian, whose work was simply colored on beauty between the colored on the col simply enlarged on later by simply enlarged on later by the American abstract expres-sionists. Of these he finds Rothko and Barnett Newman to be spiritually the most origi-

nal.
"Up to the twentieth cen-"Up to the twentieth cen-tury there was really no lan-guage for the artist of metu-physical temperament. Kan-dinsky and Mondrian produced it for them, and I think it will go on." Although his own work is wholly figurative, he feels British abstract painting has been more consistent in quality than figurative, but the latter has achieved higher

There have been two big decisions in Herman's artistic life. The first was when, on leaving his native Poland in late 1937, his native Poland in late 1937, he decided to go not to Paris, mecca of most Polish artists (with Bonnard their chief prophet), but to Brussels. Long an admirer of Brueghel, he had been attracted by the work of the Flemish expressionists and also by that of Munch. Munch.

In Brussels he met Constant In Brussels he met Constant Permeke, whose personality and achievements made a big impact on him. For Herman, Permeke stood in the great tradition of Courbet, Daumier, Millet, Cézanne and Van Gogh, who—as he sees it—left Eurorean art an immense heritage pean art an immense heritage by bringing the working man into the language of painting. "That is more or less the tra-dition I have followed", he

The second decision came in 1944, when he went to live in the Welsh mining village of Ystradgyulais. He and his wife went to visit it on the recom-mendation of a friend, and stayed for 11 years. "It really pulled together all my ideas: aesthetic, stylistic and of man as a working creature", he recalls.

Herman was not particularly Hermsh was not particularly interested in mining as such. He was drawn rather by the symbolic quality of the miner's existence. Like Van Gogh in Flanders, he was deeply moved by the grandeur of certain images: of miners walking over a gusson before his first London



in a single image the theme of 1943. labour in man's evolution.

But he does feel we may come to regret that we are no longer doing certain things with our hands, because the computer has taken over.

Apart from the fact that he can see no formal bigness in middle-class man, Herman's own background is wholly working class. His father was an illiterate Jewish cobbler, living in the poorest part of Warsaw. Josef left school at 13, eventually becoming first a typesetter and then a graphic designer, work which he tried to combine with painting.

He had his first exhibition,

mainly of expressionistic watercolours of Warsaw's industrial suburbs, in 1932. Six years later, deciding he could stomach. Polish anti-Semitism no longer, he left for Brussels, spending two years there before escaping from the German advance via France to Scaled In Classon, where he Scotland. In Glasgow, where he stayed three years, he teamed up with his compatriot, the painter Jankel Adler, and with

bridge against the sun, of a exhibition—shared with L. S. mother wrapping a baby in a Lowry at Reid and Lefevre—shawl, and sought to synthesize lured him to the capital in Lowry at Reid and Lefevre-lured him to the capital in

And there, after the years to Most of the workers he has Wales, a long spell in Suffolk drawn and painted have not and some little travelling, he actually been working, he now lives with his second wife, pointed out. "Mostly they are a psychoanalyst, their adopted either in their own setting, or daughter (their son is studying they are by a road, or something like that. They are being, rather than doing ". Herman is far from believing that all physical labour is ennobling. These are mostly miniatures, and here here then the contractors. and have been the subject of a book by William Fagg, former keeper of the Department of Ethnography at the British Museum

For all the sombre serenity of his work, it has been a fairly turbulent life, and beneath the roly-poly bonhomie of the man there is a streak of melancholy. Now, he says, he is trying to sum up the years of striving. His palette has become more vivid, and the mood is less heavy. The desire which he

and the mood is less heavy.

The desire, which he admired in those Flemish expressionists, to combine the best quality of painting with modern ideas, remains. Combined with the individual quality of his work and its bastc affirmation of certain human values, that craftsmanship perhaps helps explain a slightly surprising feature of his exhibitions: they have over the years virtually all more or less sold out—and mainly to British collectors at that.

Roger Berthoud



Ramaz Chkhikvadze

Richard III Round House

Irving Wardle

Political lunacies notwithstanding, the Georgian Rustaveli Company have kept their London appointment But they are only here for 12 performances, and those who missed them in Edinburgh should move fast to see one of the world's

great acting troupes.

If anything, the production has improved since Edinburgh.
Robert Sturua's amazing transformation of Richard III into expressionist farce has gained in black coming details and the

home on the deep floor space of the Round Bouxe where prolonged entrances can be made from the infernal depths, bringing the acrors right up front where deeds of blood and savage ironies can be registered with the flicker of an eyebrow.

actor Avto Makharadze shadowing the crowned Gloucester as a death's head clown.

I did less than justice to the Edinburgh performance by calling it a star show. It is indeed led by a great actor, Ramaz Chkhikvadze, whose Gloucester Underscored almost through-

in black comic detail, and the a macabre mistress of cere London company seems much more at monies, and the marvellous director.

Photograph by Donald Gooper

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music—mock innocent, sensuous, and rhythmically barbaric—the performance is a
masterpiece of dramatized implants an unforgentable image choreography: every gesture, of malevolent gentleness and every mask-like facial expression executed with a timed precision that lends absolute constituting to the restructuring of effect the crown has on every viction to the restructuring of the play, with Queen Margaret body who comes near it), and (Medea Chakhava) doubling as we should also salure the London debut of a great

# Offenbach's centenary celebrated

Jacques Offenbach on October
5 this year will be celebrated
by a wide variety of events
throughout Britain, ranging
from a new production of Les Contes d'Hoffmann at the Royal Opera House to an openair popular festival in Battersea Park, South London. At Covent Garden the Hojj-

mann will be produced by John Schlesinger and conducted by Carlos Kleiber, and the cast will include Placido Domingo and Ileana Cotrubas. It will open in December, with sponsorship by the Imperial Group Ltd. At Battersea Park, the openair event in May, organized by the Offenbach 1983 Com-mittee, will present the Offen-

New productions of Offen-bach's works during 1980 will include La Vie Parisienne by Scottish Opera, which will open in Glasgow in December and Papillon, choreographed by Ronald Hynd, which will be staged at Leeds on February 7 by the Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet, and appear in London Ballet, and appear in London from February 19. Lesser-known works being presented during the year will include a triple bill at the Queen Elizabeth Hall in November: Bataclan. Monsieur Choufleuri and La Chanson de Fortunio.

BBC radio will be broadcastmitree, will present the Offening studio productions of eight bach of the can-can to the operas, the National Film people of London, with bands, Theatre will be presenting

The centenary of the death of Jacques Offenbach on October 5 this year will be celebrated by a wide variety of events

Mew productions of Offenbach as well hach's works during 1980 will as presenting an exhibition about the composer, and several books are being published

during the year.

The English National Opera,
English National Opera North,
Scottish Ballet and the Singers Company are among other groups presenting Offenbach's works during the year, though one rarity will remain unseen: Whittington and His Cat, a work Offenbach wrote for London don, was planned for produc-tion by the City of London Festival but they were unable to raise the necessary funds.

Martin Huckerby

Some of the reviews on this page are reprinted from yesterday's later editions.

# Postnikova excels in Mussorgsky

Victoria Postnikova St John's

Joan Chissell

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Victoria Postnikova began her all-Russian programme in the St John's Monday midday series with a sonata in C by Dmitri Bormiansky, a work probably as unfamiliar to most of us as his operas and church music. Since he was born just four vears before Mozart, it was peryears before mozart, it was perhaps not surprising that the sonata was one of which the youthful Mozart himself could have been proud, even if Haydn by this sime might be the sonatal transfer to the sonatal transfer transfer to the sonatal transfer transfer to the sonatal transfer transf by this time might have lamen-ted its lack of surprise. The central Adagio con espressions. with its charming touch of pathos as major melts into minor in the opening phrase, haunted my memory longer than the faster flanking movements. Miss Posmikova's delicately sympathetic performance cately sympathetic performance was contained within an eighteenth - century dynamic

range while upholding both Haydn's and Mozarr's liking for keyboard instruments that could sing.

Aptly Miss Postnikova found

time for a centenary salute to Mediner through the Sonato reminiscenza of 1919. I greatly enjoyed her shading and shap-ing of this single-movement work, which mounts with increasing urgency to a central peak before unwinding its themes in reverse order. She themes in reverse order. She caught the music's ebb and flow with an impressive inner poise that I have sometimes missed from her playing in the last

year or two.

The towering genius of the recital was of course Mussorgsky. It was here that Miss Postnikova most reminded us that she, too, was a Russian in her liking for extremes of tempo. Several of the Pictures from an Exhibition were considerably slower, and others factor than we often hear than faster, than we often hear them. In sum, a very individual reading, but, except for a few trivial mishaps, confidently and colourfully discharged.

### Daniel Barenboim Festival Hall

Max Harrison

There were some excellent things in the performance of the Fantasia in F minor with which Daniel Barenboim opened his Chopin recital on Monday, his Chopin recital on Monday, Foremost among them was a beaunfully cultivated tone, which also was evident in the nocturne which followed. However, he did not quite dominate the fantasy's more rhetorical passages, and this piece was conceived too much in fragments rather than as an organic ments rather than as an organic whole. Individual parts may have been exciting or moving, but they did not add up.

There were again fine mo-ments in the Souata op 35, yet especially in the development section of the first movement

outline, meaning being sacrificed to immediate pianistic effect. The Trio of the Scherzo was exquisitely graduated (as was that of the Funeral March which came next), but the main body of the movement was at some points frankly untidy.

Quite different, though, was the sonata's finale. Mr Baren-boin's interpretation of this ghostly perpetuum mobile is not without precedent, yet his performance was most imaginative, sounding faint and far, magic-

ally insubstantial.
The second half began with The second half began with Chopin's greatest nocturne which he chose to title Barcarolle. This, too, received a performance that might be called fruitfully introverted, understated, full of subtle and quite unexpected nuances.

Another piece that is a noc-turne in all but name followed, the Berceuse op 57, a late work like the Barcarolle. This, also, found Mr Barenboim at his best,

Chopelia Cockpit

Ned Chaillet

West End panic about declining audiences has not stretched into the more adventurous areas that are still ridiculously called the fringe. London's International Mime Festival is drawing queues for some obscure performers in even more obscure venues.

Farid Chopel's sellout appearance at the Cockpit marks the first time the Algerian clown has left Paris to perform in London, I first saw bim in Hamburg's street theatre festival, where he captured the perambulating audiences with a combination of highly disciplined mime and flexible vocal tricks that were comically tied to the spoken clickes of the American tourist.

very real and Chopelia shows out.

much of the invention I have praised before, though the con-tent is flushed up with at least 20 minutes of uncharacteristic sloppiness.

Perhaps the announced theme of a day in the life of an American office worker is too confining. It contains the best moments, including his trade mark, a bent-over walk which reflects Groucho Marx's most exaggerated stalking technique, and he fills the day with fantastic elements that grow out of such mundane actions as a lunch break, but there are too many divergences which merely fill the time.

It is the artist elements which show his distinctive talent, including a cut-out of a deer which he addresses as a lover. The alien accent of his spoken English, repeating a litany of words such as "honey" and "baby" to the strange object of his affection, points up the impoverishment of much love making, and shows the richness of observation that is occasion His talent and imagination are the advantage of charm through-

# London debuts

The debut of the French piano-duettists Philippe Corre and Edouard Exerjean, though incorporated into Wigmore Hall's Fauré series, became the more enjoyable when they left Fauré behind and moved into the racier world of Satie, Pou-

the racier world of Satie, Pou-lenc and Milhaud. True, Mil-haud's Le Boeuf sur le toit grossly outstayed its welcome. But its racy Brazilian rhythms and pungent polytonalities thrived on this duo's spanking vigour, while Poulenc's more subtly orchestrated Sonatz elicited a heightened feeling for piceries of tone auxility and elicited a heightened feeling for niceties of tone quality and colour. This is not to suggest that their Faure was unacceptable—far from it. Their brio was as welcome in the Souvenirs de Bayreuth as in the Spanish finale of the suite Dolly. But the suite's more tender moments lacked a measure of ethereal grace and charm. In the high spirits of Bizet's jeux d'Enjants they were sometimes heavy handed. There were two sopranos.

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Though Elizabeth Brice, currently studying at the London
Opera School, included no opera
in her recital for the Kirckman
Society, she left no doubt that
she has a voice of substance,
with musical intelligence and
sympathy to go with it Even in sympathy to go with it. Even in the English of "The Blessed the English of "The Blessed Virgin's Expostulation" and Britten's "The Poet's Echo", her diction left something to be desired, nor did she sufficiently colour individual words, or enjoy basic vowel contrasts enough just for their own sake —until four songs by Wolf-Ferrari, which she sang from the heart with the loveliest tone of the evening. If some measure of spontaneous gaiety was missof spontaneous gaiety was miss-ing from Rossini's "La Regatta Veneziana", she closely identi-fied herself with Schumann's Four Mignon Lieder. After a somewhat laboured-sounding start, Phillip Thomas at the piano thawed into a heloful

Catherine Bott returned to the Purcell Room (her official debut was during the suspen-sion of The Times) with a programme of old Italian music in-cluding Caccini and Monteverdi, with Handel's dramatic cantata Lucrezia, written in Florence, as her most recent and certainly her most formidable undertaking. Adroitly accompanied by David Roblou at the harpsichord or organ, often with Anthony Pleeth's continuo, she cultivated a vibrato-less, instrumental -like, period -aspiring tone, sometimes questionably raw and a little off-pitch, though as the voice loosened it warmed, besides showing itself capable of strong projection and remarkable agailty in virtuoso ornamentation. Handel's spirifice fury and despair were alternated at very high voltage.

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Myung-Whun Chung, already known in Loudon as a pianist, had not appeared here as a conductor until his concert with the Loudon Schools Symphony Orchestra—be is to return to the Festival Hall with the RPO in February. As Giulini's assistant in Los Angeles since 1978 he of course came with experience, and the gestures to transmit and the gestures to transmir his wishes. In Wagner's Rienzi overture a pliably expressive beat coaxed increasingly full sonority from his young players, and in Tchaikovsky's players, and in Tchakovsky's second symphony they were caught up and carried along in his buoyant rhythm—never mind a few strained sounds in the testing Scherzo, a kind of trial run for the March in the Puthétique. Bloch's Schelonp, with his sister Myung-Wha Chuog as soloist, was harder to co-ordinate. colour and to co-ordinate, colour and intensify with players so young, but its climaxes were never skimped.

Joan Chissell

New scholarship for pianists

The Julius Isserlis Scholarship, established in memory of the Russian pianist who died in

1968 and administered by the Royal Philharmonic Society, will be competed for, for the first time, next June. The award, which is worth about £5,000 a year, will on this occasion go to a pianist aged between 15 and 20 and normally resident in the United Kingdom, enabling him or her to study abroad for two years. Panufnik's Homage

set to dance

David Bintley's new plotless ballet for Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet, Homage to Chopin, has its first performance at the Royal Shakespeare Theatre, Stratford-upon-Avon, on February 15, and its first London performance at Sadler's Wells Theatre on February 22. The ballet, which uses music by Andrzej Panufnik of the same name, has been designed by Mike Becket, who has col-laborated with Bintley on all his previous ballets,

# Absence of pressure allows Greenwood room to experiment

Ey Norman Fox Football Correspondent For reasons of choice and per-sonal obligation, Ron Greenwood. the England manager, is bound to make alterations in the team to play a competitively inconsequen-ulal European Chempionship match against the Republic of Ireland at Wembley a week today. The ques-tion is whether he continues to promote from the ranks of the

younger players or reverts tem-porarily to the older ones inclu-ded in a party of 21 announced As England have already qualified for the finals of the European Championship in Italy next June, Mr Greenwood felt obliged to release Nortingham Forest players for the second leg of a special European trophy match against Bartelona in Spain next Tuesday. In effect he said Forest had Corperated with him in the past and it was now his turn to how to reperated with him in the past and it was now bis rurn to how to their plans. Thus he loses Shilton, Anderson and Francis.

Shilton and Francis would almost certainly have played: Shilton because it is his turn to be goalkeeper as Clements played against Buigaria in November. Francis because he would have henefited from more international experience. There was less certainly of Anderson's inclusion because his form has not been outstanding in recent weeks.

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The loss of Forest's players and the comparative absence of pressure in next week's game will allow Mr Greenwood some room for experimenting, although he has been deprived of one of the most promising young defenders, Statham, who is injured.

There is only one uncapped

player in the party, Robson, the West Bromwich Albion midfleld player who could be included in the team, especially if Brooking falls to prove his fitness. However, another member, Johnson, of Liverpool, has not played for the international side since 1975. Johnson is 28 and unlikely to be considered for the European Championship finals unless as support within the party frame-work. For the moment, however, he is in good scoring form.

be is in good scoring formJohnson is joint leading scorer
In the first division with 20 goals
and could form a temporary
partnership with Woodcock, who
hopes to be released by Cologne.
England are also waiting for final
confirmation that Keegan and
Cunningham will be allowed leave
of absence from Hamburg and
Real Madrid respectively. Keegan
has made good recovery from a
nasty ankle injury received at the
weekend
Currie, the Queen's Park

Corrie, the Queen's Park Rangers midfield player, and Latchford, the Everton centre forward, have been omitted forward, have been omitted

Mr Greenwood said he may
decide to call up one other
player because there is some doubt
about Brooking's fitness and
Cunningham's availability. He also
said that he felt there was a competitive edge to the match because
the Republic of Ireland were the
only team to take a point from
England in European Championship matches. They drew 1—1 in
Dublin more than a year ago.

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Cunningham.



Johnson: may form temporary partnership with Woodcock.

### Three promoted in Stein's old Scots guard

Jock Stein, the Scotland manager, has shuffled the pack vet again for the European championship game with Portugal at Hampden Park next Wednesday. Steve Archibald, Aberdeen's highly-rated striker, is one of three pinyers he has promoted. Archibald, Billy Thompson, the St Mirren goalkeeper, and Bobby Russell, Rangers's midfield terrier, all played important parts against Beigium last month when Mr Stein's young Scots reached the quarter-final stage of the under-21 championship.

Mr Stein watched that match 24 hours before seeing his senior side humiliated by the Beigians at Hampden. The trio's showing convinced him they can play apart in his World Cup plans.

Scotland start their World Cup qualifying programme in Sweden next September and Mr Stein is desperately attempting to find the right combination before then. His experimental midfield forma-

desperately attempting to find the right combination before then. His experimental midfield formation has been ditched. Apart from introducing youngsters he has also fallen back on experience, recalling four Anglo-Scots.

They are the Liverpool centreback, Alan Hansen; the midfield pair, Archie Gemmill (Birmingham City) and Asa Hartford (Everton); and the Leeds United winger. Arthur Graham, Mr Stein's party of 20 also includes the Liverpool midfield man, Graeme Soumess, and Wolverhampton's £1.5 million atriker, Andy Gray, who were

and wolvernampton's 21.5 militon striker, Andy Gray, who were forced to withdraw from the 3—1 defeat by Belgium. Five players from that disappointing display are missing this time.

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### McNeil steals the thunder and limps off

Wrexham 3 Curlisle United 1
Dixic McNell pushed Wrexham into the fifth round of the FA
Cup and enhanced his reputation with two goals which put the side on their way to a humper pay day at Everton.

In the 17th minute of this fourth round replay, McNell scored with a thendering left foot shot that gare him his tenth full goal in the last few seasons.

Carlisle United equalised in the ewnty-seventh micrate when Bonaymua took advantage of a defensive mix-up to lob over Dayles. But McNell struck again four minutes later with a speciacular goal after a corner kick by Fox.

by Fox.

McNeil had two chances at the start of the second half but missed both.

The game was sealed in the seventy seventh minute when joues took the ball away from Ludlam and ran 25 yards before slipping the ball past Swinburge. McNeil, who had been injured to the first half, limped off in the twenty-ninth minute of the second twenty-ninth minute of the second and was given a great ovation.

# Yesterday's results

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Fourth round replay
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Winners away to Everton. Third division

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### George's chance comes in the Supercup

Charlie George makes his first home appearance for Nortingham Forest, in tonight's European Forest, in tonight's European Supercup against Barcelona. An impressive showing could lead to a permanent move to the City Ground for George, who is on a month's loop from Southampton. George, rated at \$500,000, made his first appearance for Forest in the 2—1 win at Leeds, 10 days

ago,
Terry Yorath, the Wales captalu, is Tottenham Hotspur's
latest fitness worry for tonight's
FA Cup fourth round replay
against Swindon Town at White
Hart Lane. Yorath has a heavy

dart Lane. Yorath has a heavy cold.

The Wolverhampton Wanderers players. Hughes, Berry and Richards, have recovered from injuries received in Saturday's cup game with Norwich City Norwich's grankeeper Keslan, injured at Molificux, looks like lessing his fight to be fit for toright's game. Keslan, Roy McFarland, the former Eugland centre half, passed a fitness test last night when he completed 45 minutes in a friendly for Derby County at Loton. The game ended in a 0—0 draw, McFarland has been out of action for three mouths, but should be fit for Saturday.

### Today's football fixtures

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### England awakes to dawn of new age of decadence

A Football League discussion paper paints a bleak prespect for the game in the 1960s unless structural and financial reforms are carried through. It envisages a period of slow decay with tailing attendances and a vestioned Football. attendances and a weakened England side with the Football League no longer counting as a strong European league.

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The management committee say that restructuring is the most important in the long term, but nolike Alan Hardaker's "Pattern of Football" in the 1960s, no firm proposals are put forward.

This time the plan is for the clubs to arrive at a consensus through a series of regional meetings which will begin next month. Graham Kelly, the league secretary, said: "We have decided against shock tactics this time. They have been tried and failed."

The paper, headed "Football in the Eighties", says: "In view of recent statements about cutting down playing staffs, it may well be that clubs are in the mood to consider some drastic reorganization. Even the big clubs are beginning to feel the pinch.

"The wholesale reductions of staffs will only havten the end of the Football League as a strong European heague because we shall never be in a position to replace players: who go abroad, unless the strength of reserve teams is maintained.

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"Without adequate reserve teams, clubs will simply vie with one another to obtain foreign players, domestic players will go abroad and the inevitable result will be the slow decay of the league with falling attendances and also a weakened team. The

and also a weakened feam. The question is, will the clubs agree to any form of reorganization and, if so, what? "

The management committee have firm views on trying to halt the "escalation of transfer fees: "The surest way is to abolish the instalment system and insist on payment in full on transfer." Which would rule out clubs agreeing fees of £1.5 million as Wolverhampton Wanderers did for Andy Gray.

Four for the cup New York, Jan 29.—Arseml, Roma of Italy, the Vancouver Whitecaps and the New York Cosmos will play in the inaugural Trars-Atlantic Challenge Cup tournament in May, the North American Soccer League (NASL) announced today.—Reuter.

# United the subject

of League inquiry

By Norman Fox

Allegations of corruption at Manchester United, made in a Granada Television programme on Monday, are expected to be the subject of a full inquiry by the Football League, probably in co-

operation with the Football Association. The Manchester police are also studying a recording of the programme which used the United chairman. Mr Louis Education as the contract of the Contra Edwards, as its primary subject. The programme, entitled "The Man Who Bought United". alleged Illegal club shares negotiations involving substantial cush payments, false documentation,

and secret payments by the club to obtain schoolboy players. The last allegation, if proved, could lead to the expuision of the club from the Football League. Several well known focchall personalities were mentioned during the programme which dealt with the bulless affairs of Mr Edwards who owned a meat wholesale company. Mr Edwards joined the United board after the Munich air disaster in 1958 and has faced some opposition. He shares and gained control of the shares and gained control of the club after obtaining a further 1,956 shares. In 1978 he first revealed that a new rights issue of shares was to be made to raise film for the club. Some shares film for the club. Some shares film for the club. Some shares holders were critical but subsequently they supported the plan. Gruham Kelly, the Football League secretary, said yesterday that the allegations would be discussed at the next mountily meeting "if not before". The management committees next scheduled meeting is on February 10. Mr Kelly added: "There is a strong possibility that the nanagement committee will call for a full inquiry because there are allegations that Football League regulations have been broken. There will be fairly close is also between the League and the Football. Association before either body takes firm action:"

A spokesman for the Greater Manchester Police said he ex-Several well known focchall per

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A spokesman for the Greater Manchester Police said he expected that Chief Superintendent Kenneth Forrester, head of CID. would study a transcript and video recording of the programme. He added: "He will then decide what action, if any is necessary."

Mr Edwards himself declined to appear on the programme and yesterday refused to comment. His son. Martin, said: "Our solicitors were watching the programme". Solicitors acting for Sir Matt Rusby, the former United manager, and Mr Leslie Olive, the secretary, have programme.

Manchester United's mancuester United's inter-national fame and enormous support will ensure that the whole matter is dealt with at high level. The Football Association con-fixmed yesterday that it would be discussed "by the appropriate committee".

committee".

They will be particularly concerned to protect football's reputation after a year of difficulties including the High Court case involving Don Revie. Allegations of illegal inducements to obtain schoolboy players are regularly made in private but will now be subjected to open examination. In 1969 Manchestor United were fined £7,000 for irregularities in administration. irregularities in administration

Seven Labour MPs from Man-chester constituencies have asked the Trade Secretary. Mr John chester constituencies have the Trade Secretary. Mr his department to initiate an in-quiry into the financial affairs of the club, and a shareholder. Mr Frank Holt, said be koped to force an extraordinary general meeting. The letter from the MPs said they wanted to allay sit's said they wated to allay public concern and restore confidence in a club " walch made a significant contribution to the history of football and rightly commands the loyalty and affection of countless followers of the same."

The programme suggested that blanchester United's secretary held a special fund for use when inducements were required to obtain schoology players. It alleged that the money was raised by the staff making false demands for expenses. Cash payments could then be made to the parents of young players.

Rugby Union

# Locks carry the can for France's defeat

Toulouse, Jan 29

For the first time since the war the French team for a Five Nations championship game has been chosen only four days before the event, indicating the trouble the selectors were in after the crusaling defeat by Wales 10 days ago. They waited for Sunday's club matches before aunouncing the side to face England in Paris on Eaturday, and have made four changes. There are two new caps and two old caps are recalled; but the debate is said to have been fierce between the supporters of the status quo, hoping for improvement from a beaten side, and the supporters of higger changes.

Only one change is made in the backs where his second row, his usual place, where his strength and good scrummaging enable him to keep the selectors' confidence. He will be playing only his Yourth first-class game of the season: he could not play from August to December because he wanted to move from Oloron to Tarbes, but the chairman of Oloron would not let him go. His degree of fitness cannot be very high.

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More important are the changes in the pack. The young hooker. Philippe Dintrans, who played in the Tests in Now Zealand, takes the place of the well-tried Paco, still included as a replacement. still included as a replacement.

The two locks who played against wales are out: Marchalwho scored France's rry, and Hager are judged guilty of the pack's poor performance. One of the newcomers is Yves Duhart. oft Gins and 16st, who plays for Bugnères, flushiets in list season's French champlonship. The selection of the 24-year-old hospital attendant is a big surprise because he is not a leading figure in French rugby; but he is able to play on the left side of the scrum, something that Marchal and Maiels, his partner for Saturday, cannot do.

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Despite his difficult afternoon opposite Graham Frice. Patrick Salas keeps his place at loose head prop and will play his fifth international. He played the first in Christchurch as a lock, the second in Auckland at No 8, and is now in the front row.

What can be expected of this

in the front row.

What can be expected of this feam, which will again be led by Jean-Pierre Rives? The answer lies with the forwards—whether Joinel and Carpentier can win good balls to the lineout and how France's scrum react to the powerful English eight. The French backs are bright enough to score if given

good hall.

There is doubt about the centre, Codorniou, who has a hip injury but has a 90 per cent chance of being fit.

# Rawle emerges with credit from a private contest

Middlesex 0

By Gordon Alian

Westminster, who were runnersup to St. Mary's last year, heat
Middlesex by a goal and a try to
nothing in a wild and woolly
itospitals. Cup rugby match at
Chislehurst yesterday. It puts
them in the semi-final round at
Richmond on February 21, whon
their opponents, will be either St
Bartholomew's or Kirz's College,
who play tomorrow.

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Rawle screed both Westminster's tries. In his little private contest with another Harlequies scrum half, Lamden, he came off in credit, not only bacause he took his two chances so well, but also because Westminster's forwards gave him a better service. This was particularly true in the tight scrummages, where with the imposus of greater poundage, they heeled repeatedly against the heud and saved a number of dangerous situations.

saved a number of dangerous situations.
Middlesex did not deserve to lose by 10 points. They went to their limit of effort. They went to their limit of effort, they went to their limit of effort, with Beran powerfully conspicuous at all times, but their backs were never able to move it smoothly enough or outely enough to out-flank Westminster's defence.

Rawle scored his first try 10 minutes before half-time. He dived over in the corner after some scrappy, play. Macanlay, another Harlequin whose tactical kicking I was long well directed and induential, missed the chuversion. Landen missed three penalties in the first half for Middlesex. One of niem his a post.

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Rawle's second my, a quarter of an hour into the second helf, was two before c' rie two. From a scrummage on the Middleser 22 ha feinced to pass to McCaulay, and while Middleser momentarily leaded. one wills Middleser mementarily looked the other way, he ran through the gap unimpeded; Miccaulay made it a goel. For the rest of the game Middleser worked like nevvies to score. Westminster worked equally hard of frustrate them. Westminster were successful, Middlesex merely unlikely. unlucky
In the other cup match played yesterday, London beat Royal Free 21—7 at Teddington.

### Lancashire call in Phillips Peter Phillips, of Occell, will

take over the position in the centre, left vacant by the injury to Tony Bond, in Lancashire's team to meet Gloucestershire in the Thorn County Championship final at Vale of Lune on February

Rond broke a les in England's match against Ireland and will be out for the rest of the season. Phillips, making his first appearance for the county since 1975. though a member of Lancashire's party, should prove an able deputy in a side which has amassed more than 200 points on the way to the final. He is a skilful player and has a strong defence.

Phillips, the only change in the all-conquering Lancashire line-up.

was in the North West Counties party which toured South Africa at the end of last season.

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Athletics.

# Capes, No 5 in the world, but not yet in British elite

Geoff Capes, Eritain's leading shot putter, comes back from a successful time in New Zealand to prove to the doubting selectors this Saturday that he is worthy of inclusion in the Olympic "elite"

group.
Capes will compete for Britain in the indoor international against West. Germany at Coslord—the 65th appearance for his country

which is a record.
Capes, who set a New Zealand
all-comers record in Auckland on

all-comers record in Auckland on Saturday with a throw of 68tt 1½in—his best for two years—must make an application to the British Amaseur Athletic Board selection committee to be included among the elite.

Capes, whose Auckland form—be had six throws over 65tt—has placed him fifth in the world on last year's rankings, will be the only Olympic certainty in a lineup which will be without most of the top athletes, who are maining abroad.

abroad.

Even Daley Thompson, who competed in the Poilips national indoor championships at the Costord meeting last weekend, will be absent as he rounds off his British training programme before leaving for 12 weeks in San Diego.

Ainsiey Bennett, who had to miss the national 200 metris finals last Saturday because of a muscle injury, has been chosen for Saturday, although Peter Little stands by to partner 18 year-old Phil Brown, who retained his title.

Mark Herton is another doubtful starter, because of injury, in the

starter, because of injury, in the 60 meets hurdes and Beroyn Price, the Commonwealth Gemes champion, is his likely replace

champion, is his likely replacement.

Among the crop of promising youngstars given their chance are last Saturday's teenage successes, Linsey Macdonald, who set a UK and Commonweath 200 metres record at 24.3 set, and 15-year, edd Leeds schooldirl. Sandra Arthurton, the wioner of the 1500 metres.

Wendy Clarks, the wioner of the 500 metres of Erstor Thema: (Salama) and Pippa Baker (Norfolk Olympiades) form a new pairing, Lie Barnes, impressive winner of Saturday's 400 metres stops up to 800 metres with Cherry Hauson having ruicd herself out.

Motor rallying

### Clark carries on with a British car

Roger Clerk, Britain's best known relly driver, will this year drive a British car, with British sponsors, under a red, white and blue banner. Clerk, a 39-year-old garage proprietor from Narborough, dispelled rumours that he religious the research might be repring with me an-nouncement yesterday that he will saill drive a Triumph TR7 in this year's Secian Open championship and the Lumbard RAC Rally.

Clark last drove a Bridsh Leyland product. a Rover' 2000 TC, when finishing sixth in the 1955 Monte Carlo relly. "I see this as an encellent opportunity to keep going in the sport I love with a powerful and competitive car". Clark said.

Money for his run:

Barry Wood ended his cricker testimonial season last alght on a record note. After 14 years with Lancasbire, he was bandel a change for \$62,429—over \$20,000 more than the previous record, set by David Lloyd last year.

Clark said.

He will also be sponsored by Sparkrite and Esso. John Davenparkrite and Esso. John

Neil Polly, another cadet, gained an unexpected with over

the seeded Mark Brans, 15—3, 4, 15—11, 15—7, and the result carried a lesson. Evans was lete in arriving and was civiously unsettled when he went on to court

### For the record

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Yachting AUCKLAND: World Ternado championships, Third face: 1, R. Prack (Aughra: 2, L. Hope (M7; 5, Yentsjov (USSR: 4, J. Spendler (W Germany: 5, M. Martin (GS: 10, R. White (GB: Overall: 1, J. Spendler, 1, J. Spend Boxing

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The following reports have been received from other sources

# Faces of the Eighties: the man who teed off late in his golfing life

# What Nelson expects is victory

From Peter Ryde San Diego, Jan 29 The view that the only approach to a successful career in Ameri-

can professional golf is now through university scholarship is widely held and with some justification. Fortunately for the viability and colour of the game there are exceptions and the outsmiding one of the moment is Larry Nelson.

Nelson.

On his way to the top as second only to Tom Watson in the order of merit last year, and to an outstanding success in the Ryder Cup match, he has ignored many of the accepted guidelines. Not for him the well-trodden path through Houston or Wake Forest or one of the better-known state universities. He went on a baseball scholarship to Kennesaw Junior College in Georgia and never gave golf a thought for the first 21 years of his life.

"Right now I have probably had less competitive golf than Eob Clampett"—the national college champion who, in his early twenties, is some ten years college champion with, in his early twenties, is some ten years younger than Nelson, who had played in only one 72-hole event when he graduated to the tour in 1973 at the age of 25. "It is amazing really to think of all those players behind me at the moment who have been determined to make a career of golf since they were 12."

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This is spoken without conceit. He respects his colleagues and, in a quiet way, is outgoing and a member of the players' policy board. But he believes there is a dauger among some of the younger players of over-expectation, of thinking they ought to be better than they are and therefore expecting to do things before they are ready to do them. That does not imply lack of ambition. Like many Americans, Nelson has been bred to believe a man can do anything if he has the determination to reach a goal, and that goal might as well be number one. It is the mature view of the man who at 32 believes that at 25 respects his colleagues and



Larry Nelson has his eyes trained on Britain again.

a golfer reaches his prime.

In writing of golfers in the limelight one is always conscious they may be a flash in the panand a good many on tour come and go rapidly. But at least Nelson has shown no signs of receding into obscurity since his climax last year in the Ryder Cup. A shrewd pairing by Casper garchim the experience, in which he was totally lacking of matchplay as seen through the eyes of Lanny Wadkins, whose assertiveness and experience of it made him just the man for the job.

Wadkins told him it was no Wadkins told him it was no

good staying two up, he had to make it three up: if you were marking time you were going backwards. Nelson needed that positive thinking in his single against Severiano Ballesteros after winning the first three holes. Of the Spatniard he had this to say:

"He's a little wild but he's still the Spaniard he had this to say:

"He's a little wild but he's still young. If he can mature mentally in the way Nicklaus or Watson has done he could become the finest player in the world. But he will have to make sure he is not burnt out by the time he is 30. They made something of his remarks about my heing lucky.

He meant lucky at one or two holes, not lucky to win. If I had to explain that in a foreign lan-Nelson's matchplay lesson carried over luto his subsequent play on tour. Two ahead is no longer good enough. Before the end of that month he had come within a stroke of winning the world series, dropping two shots on the verenty-first hole and tinishing second. This season he has limished fourth in the Bob Hope, seventeenth at Phoenix; he is on his way again.

His leap last year to second

His leap last year to second place from forty-second the year before, a more which he said on reflection made him feel humble, owed more to his putting than any other department. At the best of times he is no more than atterage length off the tee, and last year he lost a little length in switching to a lighter driver, but one that increased his accuracy. Contrary to the flow of opinion, specially that of the giants whom he cannot match physically, and who constantly soek to be able, to pitch to the green with a smaller club than the rest, Nelson believes there is no much opportunity for sharpening iron play in practice that he would rather hit a five-iron from the fairway than a seven-fron from the rough.

Nelson will be coming over for

seven from the rough.

Nelson will be coming over for the Open this summer. Characteristically he does not talk about it in terms of another peak to climb. He is bringing his wife with him and taking a week off either side of it to give her a holiday. But he liked his view of Britain seen through the European Open last year and you can be quite sure he will be taking it anything but lightly.

He may take a bit of finding

He may take a bit of finding on the course because he melts easily into the background. He is 5fr 9in, the same height as Gene Littler, and there is about his swing something of the same simplicity and lack of strain.

# Nicholls's persistence pays

By Roy McKelvie

For the first two games yesterday Mark Nicholls, last year's runner-up, and Hugo Akernian, a cadet, produced the best rackets yet seen in the Army thampion-vilps at the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst. Then Akernian's game fell apart and Nicholls, with ever increasing presure, won 13—9, 15—8, 15—0, He will now play Timothy Breitmeyer, who looks a very useful server, for a place in the semiliant round.

final round.

The graph of the number of hands played by Nicholls and Akerman gives a better picture than the score of the fight the loser put up in the first two games. Twenty hands were played in the first game, seren of them blank; this was the result of cood service return, especially by Akerman, rather than weak serving. Fourteen were played in the second, in which Akerman led 4—0 after six hands. There were

RESULTS. Army singles characteristics are sense on to court white second rounds. If Brains also had been rounds. If a been rounds. I

Boxing

### Gardner's latest Koopmans easily is a Belgian

Join L. Gardner is to defend his Europeau heavyweight championship against Rudi Gauwe, or Belgium. Gauwe is the third opponent to be announced for Gardner in the past month this original opponent was Lorenzo Zanon, of Italy, who withdrew to concentrate on preparing for a contest in March with the world champion. Larry Holmes.

The European Boxing Union The European Boxing Union substituted another Italian, Albu Righetti. He was knocked our in one round by an American, Tony Mums, over the weekend and has also withdrawn as the championship contender.

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Gauwe was chosen by the EBU
to meet Gardner by March 18.
The contest is open to purse offers
until February 18. It is likely that
Gardner will have to travel.
Gauwe does not have a particularly impressive record. In
November 1978 he was knocked
our in two rounds by the British
heavyweight, Tony Moore,
although his performance has
since improved.

# retains title

Rotterdam, Jan 29.—Rudi Koop-mans, of I'me Natherlands, success-fully defended his European light-heavyweight boxing title for the third time here last night when he clearly outpointed the Italian, challenger, Ennio Cometti, over 12 Koopmans, aged 31, built up a blg early lead with nowerful com-

bladions, and opened up cuis inder Cometti's eyes.

The Italian champion fought back gamely, winning his Erst round in the ninth, but was constantly hit as he went forward.

It was a better nerforward by It was a better performance by Koopmans than his last trie defence, an unimpressive draw against the Frenchman Hocine Tafer, here last November. He took the championship from another Italian, Aldo Traversaro, I year ago, and retained it against Robert Amory, of France, last

Cometti, aged 29, a stocky southpaw, has now lost seren professional bouts. Koopmans remains undefeated in 34 bouts.

# West Indies settle an old score

Cricket Correspondent Adelaide, Jan 29

Adelaide, Jan 29
Australia are taking one of their worst beatings for a long time in the third Test match here against West Indies. At close of play this evening, needing a little matter of 574 to win, they were 131 for seven. Come what may the match ends tomorrow, and on Thorsday the West Indians leave for a five-week tour of New Zealand, incidentally without Vivian Richards, who is going home to give his back a rest.

West Indies allowed themselves

West Indies allowed themselves to be bowled out rather than declaring and setting Australia a "target". By the time their last wicket fell it was mid-afternoon and they were left with just over nine hours in which to win the match. As happens time and again when one side has much the faster bowling. West Indies soon had the Australian batsmen on the run. Even about the batting of Greg

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Chappell there is now an air of
distraction—not against England,
unfortunately, but against West
Indies, Today, after 28 overs,
Australia were 98 for five. In the
first innings they were bowled
out for 203; against West Indies
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In his first season of Test cricket, Wiener finds his confidence draining away: Today he was caught at the wicket in the

To their overnight score of 303 for four West Indies added 145 runs. That was many more than they needed; but there was an old score to be settled. In Sydney in 1969 Australia, also leading by one match in the series, batted on until they were 734 runs ahead and there was no way in which West Indies could level the series. West findes could lever the series.

Lloyd was playing in that match
too, and having never won a Test
series in Australia. West Indies
felt justified today in putting
their lead beyond reach,

fifth over. Ian Chappell, the enfant terrible, was soon caught at the wicket down the leg side, hooking at Holding; Laird fought hard and luckily, as he has done hard and luckily, as he has delightful. At 30 he looks as almbie as when, at 21, he played in too few Tests to score delightful. At 30 he looks as almbie as when, at 21, he played in his first Test march, and he is still a lovely fielder. Lloyd played very well agan for his 40, and wrey well agan for

stumped. Thus has the game changed.
With five for 103 Dymock again had the best bowling figures for Australia. In five Test matches, against England and West Indies, Lillee has taken 24 wickets at 29 apiece, in four Tests Dymock has taken 28 at 16 apiece. Who, when the season started, would have thought that Dymock would achieve greater success than Lillee. Thomson or Hogg? For years Dymock has laboured in the shadow of the others, his praises unsung.

snatow of the others, his praises unsung.
With four wickets in the match for 211 runs Mallett barely justified the selectors' decision to bring him in from the cold at the age of 34, although he bowled quite well. The selectors must be wondering, mo, whether to give quite well. The selectors must be wondering, too, whether to give fan Chaopell the last Test match against England. Chappell's scores since they brought him back at the start of the month have been 42, nine, two and four there was some talk today of his having been given out caught off his helmet and he is known not to want to tour again or to play

much more cricket. With the series against England already won, the Australian selectors may look to the future. It is time they did.

WEST INDIES: First Innings. (C. H. Lloyd 121, I. V. A. Rick 76; D. K. Lillee 5 for 76). G. Greenidge, st Marsh, b Mallett C. Haynes, a Marsh, b Fescoe I. V. A. Richards, b Border A. I. Kallicharran, b Malfett L. C. Rowe, c Marsh, b Dymock C. Craft, c Border, b Pascoe C. H. Ljoyd, c Karsh, b Dymock D. L. Murray, c G. Chappell, b Dymock Greenidge, st Marsh, b 

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—48, 2—184, 2—213, 4—299, 5—331, 5—398, 7—417, 8—443, 0—446, 10—448, 80WLING, Lineo, 25—8—75—0: Pascoe, 25—3—93—2; Dymock, 33.5—7—104—5; Mallett, 38—7—134—2; Border, 4—2—10—1. AUSTRALIA: First lunings, 203 (A. R. Border, 54, B. M. Laird 32: C. Croft 4—57).

Wiener, c Murray, b Roberts M. Laird, Ibw b Garber ... M. Chappell, c Murray, b eiding
S. Chappell, lbw b Croft
J. Hughe. lbw b Gamer
R. Boroer, c Greenidge, Dymeck, not out ... Safras (I-b 1, w-2, n-b 5) FALL OF WICKETS: 1—12. 2—21. 3—71. 4—83, 5—98, 6—130, 7—

# in the right spirit

Canberra, Jan 29

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England, thanks to exceedingly bright batting by Boycott, Larkins, Gooth, in particular, and Gower, coasted to a comfortable win today in the three-day game at the Minuka Oval here.

England needed 253 rons in 140 minutes after Walters declared again, and although Larkins, who batted magnificently, and Boycott, in his usual confident, determined form, gave the victors a good form, gave the victors a good start of 124 it was Gooth's magni-ficent driving and big bitting that put England in line for a splendid win with eight wickets and 2.4

win with eight wickets and 2.4 overs to spare. It was a doy under a lovely Australian summer sun made for batsmen. The pitch was true and somnolent and the English attack made little impression. There was a stir early when Taylor of all people fumbled badly when Trevor Chappell was yards down the pitch to Underwood and missed. Chappell was then 15 and thir was the only time England looked like breaking through.

Underwood, as always, was looked like breaking through.

Underwood, as always, was tight and tidy but there was no penetration. Lever took to bowling slow left-hand and Chappell promptly hit him for six. Dyson made a laborious 45, but Chappell and Hilditch were in no trouble. Hilditch, after being in the Test eleven in India, has fallen badly from high estate and his mental attitude is shown in his stance Larkins, in particular, and Boycott were in form which is important with a Test in Mei-

bourne this week, and Larkins had his highest score in Australia. Gooch, whose driving on both sides was opulent, hit one massive stroke almost out of this vast ground for six off Board, but perhaps his best stroke and indeed the stroke of the season was when he turned round about to a short ball from Board again and smacked it right lustily left hand past original point who was left standing and speechless.

It was a splendid victory and will send England off to Mel-hourne in high spirits. Another to bat attractively was Gower who was into form immediately with splendid drives.

NEW SOUTH WALES: First Inn 12: for -7 det (K. D. Walters . R. Sterenson 4 for 44). Second Innings M. Hildisch, e Taylor, b J. Dyson, b Stevenson
J. Dyson, b Stevenson
T. M. Chappell, not out
I. C. Davis, not out
Extras (J-b B, R-b S) Total 12 wkts dec) ... 243
FALL OF WICKETS: 1—112, 2—163, BOWLING Uvec: 21—3—58—0
Stevenson, 13—15—1; Unit-wood, 21—3—50—1, Emburer, 21—7—54—0; Geoch. 3—0—11—0,

ENGLAND: First Innings, 203.
Second Innings
Boycott, c Tookey, b Board
Larkins, c Tookey, b Board
Larkins, c Tookey, b Dane
A. Gooch, not out
I. Gower, not out
Extras (i-b 4, n-b 1)

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# Gooch puts England Pakistan hope in vain for Indian collapse

Calcutta, Jan 29.—Sandeep Patil. of a meeting of the Australian playing in his second Test match, was top scorer with 62 as India methodically built up a score of 205 for five on the opening day of the sixth and flual Test against Pakistan here today. Sandeep dominated a fifth wicket partnership of 88 with Yashpal Sharma. who was not out on 28 at the close but was woefully unenterprising. At one stage he spent 51 minutes

without scoring.

India, although assured of victory in the series with a 2—0 lead, ground along through the day with scores of 79, 61 and 65 in the three two-hour sessions. After Sunil Gavaskar and Chetan Chauban had set them off with an opening stand of 48, they slid to 99 for four, but Patil and Sharma folled. Pakistan's hopes of bringing about a collapse.

Gavaskar, who relinquished the Indian captaincy after the fifth Test, made 44. Gavaskar's sound and attractive innings, which included six boundaries, ended when he was caught at second slip off his giove when Imran Khan sent down a ball which got up off a length. vithout scoring.

sent down a ball which got up or a length.

Imran, who bowled at great speed, also dismissed Roger Binny (15) and Patil. Uneven bounce was the only problem set by the pitch, but the ball swung in the humid air. Tour in balance: The fate of the Australian team's proposed tour of Fakistan is in the hands

climate.

Mr Bennett had discussions with
Alan Barnes: ACB secretary, here
today but declined to disclose his recommendations. Some observers believe that Mr Bennett thought the tour was off when he returned. It is also underestood that Pakistan

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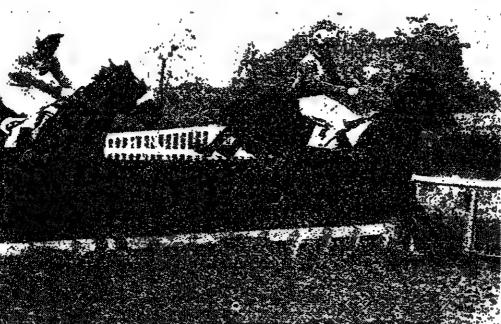
# **Broadleas** is chasing a new future

By Michael Phillips Rocing Correspondent Recing Correspondent
Jush Gifford trains a particularly
nice young horse in Broadleas who
won the Persian War Novice
Hurdle decisively at Chepstow
yesterday. Broadleas, who was
Gifford's 50th winner of the
season, looks every luch a steeplechaser, and it is not surprising
that his trainer and Dorothy
Price, whose colours he carries,
cannot wait to see him run over
fences.
One glance at Broadlease and it

One glance at Broadlease and It is easy to see why he was loo big and backward to be trained as a two-year-old by John Durdop. As a result Ryan Price's niece, Jane Baker, whose husband Robert was able to huy Broadleas relatively cheaply when he was weeded out. Mrs Baker kept him for a couple of years before sending him to Doncaster where he was bought by Gifford. Knowing what a nice horse he was Price then offered Gifford a profit which was accepted and prompfly gave the horse to his wife to keep him in the family. Unfortunately Mrs Price was not at Chepstow yesterday. One glance at Broadlease and it

Price was not at Chepstow yester-day.

In her absence the trophy was presented to her partner Toby Scrimeour by the Southamoton footballer. Mick Channon, whose own runner, Spark Off, could finish only seventh. Glen Berg, another pice young horre whose future also surely lies in steeple-chasting, led the field for much of the way but from the moment that Richard Rowe decided to strike on Broadleas the result was never in doubt.



Flurry Knox (right) counters the challenge of Royal Potion at the last fence.

just before they jumped the second last flight, leaving Miners Lodge, Cooralie and Glea Berg to pick up the crumbs. Broadless will travel to Chelteaham in March for the Sun Allies and Su the Sun Alliance Novices Hurdle which Venture to Cognac won last

which Vedture to Cognac won last year.

And talking of that good horse has trainer. Fred Winter, told me that he has no definite plan ha mind other than the San Alliance Steeplechase and that he will not be unduly perturbed if he does not even run before the National Hunter festival although that is unlikely.

Winter was at Chepstow to see his bat mare, Arctic Princess, win

Broadless overtook: Glen Berg the Gwent Handicap Hurdle, In ist before they jumped the the absence of John Francome, econd last flight, leaving Miners who was suffering from a stomach upset, Arctic Princess was ridden, and ridden well, by Ben de Hagn At Windsor today Tim Forster looks poised to win the Bovency Handicap Steeplechase with Mer-money in spite of the presence of that remarkable old horse Sunny

chance of beating Sundy Somers, Irish Shamrock and Potentate, his chief rivals this afternoon. Going for Gold, a winner twice on the flat last spring, at Northingham in April and Goodwood in May, is capable of winning the first division of the Brocas Novices Hurdle at the expense of the more experienced New Top.

Meeting off: Newcastle races today have been abandoned. Freddle Newton, the clerk of the course, said : "The snow on the Fulke Welwyn's lightning jumper course is melting, but has caused waterlogging in places ".

# Raffi Nelson will have 18lb West score first pull over Gold Cup rival

By Michael Seely
Raffi Nelson will tackle Diamond Edge in the \$15,000 Fresh
Field Handicap Chase at Sandown
Park on Saturday. Nick Henderson, his telemed young trainer,
said at Nottingham yesterday:
"Raffi Nelson was extremely
fresh and well when he went out
this morning. If we are to have
any chacee in the Cheltenham
Gold Cup, we must surely take on
Diamond Edge with a difference
of 18lb. After all, we will not be
so well handicapped again."

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An enthralling contest is promised. This valuable limited bandicap will be the most important Gold Cup pointer seen so far this season apart from the king George VI Chase. It is by no means a two-horse affair John O'Neill, the champion lockey, will be riding king Wessel for Peter Easterby; Tied Cottage, iast season's Irish Grand National winner, is another likely runner; and, with the abandonment of Newcastle today, Ken Oliver will now have to decide whether to send Rambling Jack to Sandown or to aim his Grand National candidate at the Saiby Hendicap at Wetherby the same afterdoon. Modesty Furbids and the amazing 15-year-old, Macridi, who has now won seven races this season, can add further spice to an already appetial dish.

William Hill's gave: 7-2 Damond Edge, 4-1 Raffi Nelson.

Diamond Edge, 4-1 Raffl Nelson, 7-1 King Weasel, 8-1 Thed Comage and Rumbling Jack, Dismond Edge is my long term Gold Cup fancy but no one can be certain whether can concede so much weight to last Saturday's impressive winner,

Raffi Nelson. However, at theset ndds it is tempting to back both odds it is tempting to back both horses.
Further extractions at Sandawn with be the appearance of Beacon Light in the Scilly Isles Novices' Chase and of Birds Nest, who will be opposed by Pollardstown and Connaught Ranger, in the Oteley Hurdle.

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het like demans on the Schweppes Gold Trophy. Despits Silver Shadow's ruraway victory at Don-caster, the supporters of three of-his rivals were in action yesterday. caster, the supporters of the trials were in action yesterday. Ladbrokes reported good support for Fred Winter's candidate, Snowtime Boy, and also for Goiden Vow. The Tote received heavy backing for Secret Ballot and have kept bis odds to 16-1.

Two of the leading trainers were in fire form at Notdingham. Tony Dickinson and his lockey. Terminy Carmody, larded a double with Kenils in the Ollerton Handicap Chase and with Badsworth Boy in the Elvaston Novices' Chase. Kechis's likely target at the Mildmay of Plets Challenge Cup and Badsworth Boy will revert to hundling in the Schwespes. However, the five-year-old will then he put back to fences in the 57,000 Surrey Novices' Chase at Lingfield Park on February 27.

Some further light was shed on

Lingfield Park on February 27.

Some further light was shed on the Daily Express Triumph Hurdle picture. Bob Turnell saddled Jim Joel's four-year-old, The Solent, to make an impressive first appearance in the first division of the Stop Gap Hurdle. Obviously the son of Exbury and West Side Story has given trouble at homa, for Andy Turnell had let down his leathers a couple of holes and was equipped with a pair of spars.

Hockey

# but East hold the aces

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at Homerton College, Cambridge,
yesterday and now stand a very
good chance of winning the territerritorial championship. It was
the dighth match in the series and
the best so far.

West scored first, their only goal
in their four matches. The
Slocombe-Franks duet at a corner
was faultless and Mrs Slocombe's
shot hit the backboard of the goal
like a bullet. Thereafter East
dominated.

Valerie Robinson equalised within two minutes with a cracking
shot and Relen Bray strambled the
ball over the goal like to give
them: a 2-1 lead at ball time.
Christine Duggett splendidly
finished off an excellent piece of
approach work by Mrs Robinson
to score No 3 and Prue Carter, who
minutes before had roplaced
Janet Jurischka, scored a prealty
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Jamet Jurischka, scored a pount's East, well captained by Jenny Cardwell, had Mrs Robinson to lead the forward line. She has been ourstanding in this role, bringing out the hest in those around her. Mrs Dussett added excitement: apart from her goal, she was awarded another, but confessed she bad kicked the ball, so the umpire's decision was reversed.

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### O'Connor faster on court than Courtney

Barry O'Conter sucht into the last eight of the British Amateur squash rackets championships, spontorad by Sun Life, at Wembley last night. He gave a masterly performance to cruch a former England international, Stuart Courtney, 9-2, 9-2, 9-1.

O'Country, 9-2, 9-1.
O'Country, from Dulvich, ranked three in Britain, demoralized Courtney with some anazing recoveries. His speed cround the court was recisive and when he bagan playing a series of accurate drop shore as well, his opponent's hopes, were shortered. Although the metch lasted less than half an hour Courtney looked exhausted. hour Courtney looked exhausted. O'Cornor, whose appearances at international level have been limited because of injuries, new meets the Australiae, Roger Flyan, in the querter-final round tomorrow—O'Conner's 25th birth-

Ross Norman, the fourth seed from Auckland, reached the quarter-final round by heating the Enyptian player. Allan Soliman, after dropping the first game. His next opponent is the Swede, Lars Kyant, seeded five. Kyant dropped only nine points in outclassing Fahim Gul, of Pakistan,

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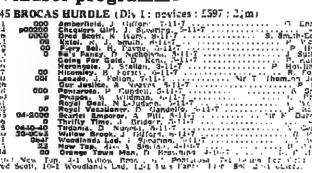
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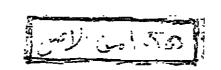
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PARLIAMENT, January 29, 1980

# Deplorable that major steel unions are not paying a penny piece in strike pay

It was deplorable that so much public money was being snent on subsidizing the steel strike, Mr Regineld Prentice, Minister of State for Social Security and the l. said. Payment of social henefits to dependants of ably by now have exceeded £1m. Mr Michael Brotherton (Louth, C) had asked how many strike centres had been set up to handle claims from steel workers on strike, where they were situated and what was the total sum that had been

Nir Prentice (Daventry, C)-Nineteen centres were set up to handle claims for supplementary benefit (mostly on behalf of dependants) of striking employees of the British Steel Corporation. One Teesor striking employees of the British Steel Corporation. One Teesside centre has been closed.

Up to close of business on January 22, the latest date for which figures are available, a total of about £790,000 had been paid. In-

Mr Brotherton-The time has come to stop setting up these centres. It is time for trade unions to bear responsibility for the strikes they have brought about. It is wrong to make the taxpayer finance these strikes. Mr Prentice—I agree with his sentiments. It is deplorable that so much money is being spent on subsidizing this strike, considering

that the two main steel unions and 11 out of 13 smaller ones involved have decided not to pay a pentry piece of strike pay. Mr John Bruce-Gardyne (Knutsford, C)—Is it not abuse that the ISTC, which is sitting on a piggy bank of over £11m, should be allowed to use this to buy the

possible? (Conservative cheers.) Mr Prentice-It is utterly deplorable. On top of the damage being inflicted on the nation by this strike, the unions concerned are adding insult to injury by expect-ing taxpayers to subsidize the week old. Well over 11m will now have been paid out to strikers' families, money which should have been contributed by the unions

Mr Reginald Presson, an Opposi-tion spokesman on health and social security (Brent, East, Lab)—It is not for him to try to out bid some of the contemptible payments per personi Except for £260 all these thousands of pounds are paid out to meet women's and children's needs. They are entitled in law, have been for years and should

continue to be so entitled. (Con-servative should of "Why?) Mr Prentice—He and his friends might ask themselves why the Transport and General Workers' Union and the General and Municipal Workers' Union are meeting their normal obligations and pay-ing strike pay while the two big-gest unions involved here and 11 gest umous involves here and it out of the 13 smaller ones are not paying a penny piece in strike pay. Mr. Hugh Dykes (Harrow, East, C)—It is important to keep a sense C)—It is important to keep a sense of proportion here. Even if the unions paid strike money there would be no guarantee it would go to the wives and families, and why should they be penalized?

Mr Prentice—It is necessary to keep a sense of proportion. I am saying that the conduct of the unions in this dispute, which is deplorable in general, is particularly deplorable in this respect. They have not met the normal minimal obligations of unions to their own members and particularly own members and particularly of the sense of the sen

their own members and particu-larly their families during this in-distrial dispute.

# The law must be upheld: everyone should condemn intimidation of steel workers

of the Labour Party, and Mr Arthur Scargill, president of the Yorkshire miners, were accused during questions to the Prime himister of rabble rousing in the steel dispute.

Mr Robert Adley (Christchurch and Lymington, C) asked Mrs Thatcher—Will she deplore the rabble rousing partnership which was at work resterday between Mr Arthur Scarpili and the Deputy Leader of the Labour Party—(Con-servative cheers.)—almed at farvative cheers.)—aimed at destroying respect for the rule of law and the rights of majorities in trade unious?

Will she assure us that the Government's legislative proposals will provide adequate protection against secondary picketing, blacking and intimidation?

Airs Thatcher (Barnet, Finchley, Ci-Aimost all trade unionists would agree that the law must be upheld. I believe most MPs do, too, I am glad the president and general secretary of the Iron and Steel Trades Confederation took

Speaker to

remain

in office

no civilization without that.

The Secretary of State for Employment (Mr James Prior) has indicated that he would be considering, when we knew the decision on McShane, if further provisions would be brought forward in committee on the Employment Bill. He is actively considering that. But it would seem the law is far from

world seem the law is far from clear.

Mr Barry Jones (East Flint, Lab)—Would she consider telling her backbenchers that if they stopped their hyenalike remarks, we might be able to get the strike settled? Mrs Thatcher—It is rather signifi-cent that he regards the opboiding of the law in that way. We do not. Mr. John Morris (Aberaton, Lab)—How long does she intend to maintain the Government's posture

of non-intervention in the steel There is bitter EEC criticism today of the Government's proposals for the rundown, on numbers, the speed and the fact that there has been no application for aid.

on her negotiations on the ma with the EEC, and her respons the criticisms being ventilated? Mrs Thatcher—I saw, and heard on the early morning news, the crit-icisms by Commissioner Vredeling, ed to indicate that we had ne seemen to indicate that we had not applied for aid from Europe. In fact, since 1973 there have been 100 such applications. On December 12 the Department of Industry informed. Commission officials of the British Steel Cor-coration's processis for redundant poration's proposals for redundan-cles in 1980-81. cles in 1980-81.

The Commission has decided that 27.7m should be allocated for Shotton. The allocation was signed by Commissioner Vredeling.

(Laughter.)
Mr George Gardiner (Reigate, C)
during earlier exchanges, asked—
Has she seen the report in a Sunday dewspaper from a shop atemard in the steel industry complaining of violent intimidation on himself, his wife and children, all because he wants a voice in what is happening?

Mer Thatcher-Any violent intime dation or intimidation of any kind should be totally and utterly con-demued by everyone in this House. Violent intimidation should be dealt with by the criminal law. The difficulty is to get evidence,

Mr Michael Brown (Brigg and Scunthorpe, C) unsuccessfully sought an emergency debtue on a document which, he said, had reached him at lunch time, orging steelworkers in his constimency to Mr Brown said that the circular had been received by relucitate strikers and it had said that one

cay the strike would be over and they would not want there to be unpleasantness. Following the recent judgment, they were being told in a dictatorial, undemocratic and tyraunical manner to commit unlawful acts.

# Nobody to be forced to have social security benefits paid into bank Nobody would be forced to have social bettetize payments paid directly to a bank account, Mrs. Lynda Chalker, Under Secretary for Health and Social Security, said during questions. Mrs. Chalker (Wallasey, C) said that as part of the Government's campaign to improve efficiency, an examination had been made of the arrangements for paying social

The Speaker (Mr George Thomas) said that he hoped to remain ju

Replying, amid cheers, to birth-day greetings which had been accorded to him during question time on the occasion of his 71st birthday anniversary, Mr Thomas said. In view of the article in The Times newspaper today, it is in the interest of the House for me to make a brief statement to end speculation about my intentions for the future.

It is but eight months since the house did me the honour of elect-ing me Sneaker for the life of this Parliament. It is a trust which is not to fulfil. (Cheers.) do not wish to tempt Providence—(Laughter)—but I am feeling as fit as when I assumed the Chair and, therefore, my intention is to continue to serve this House for this Parliament as it

nvited me to do eight months ago.

### Animal welfare a subject for public Bill

The Speaker (Mr George Thomas) ruled that the Portsmouth City Council Bill should be introduced as a public Bill. The ruling came after successful objections by MPs to the formal motion for its second

He said that on February 8, 1939, the then Speaker had ruled that fills which had been allowed to proceed as private Bills had never raised questions other than of a practical local nature. The Portsmouth City Council

Bill would affect other ports in the country and it also raised the question of public policy with regard to the export of live animals. The following private Bills received an unopposed second reading: British Railways (Castlefield); British Transport Docks; Clifton Suspension Bridge: Falmouth Container Terminal: Scottish Widows' Fund and Life Assurance Company: United

Assurance Company; United Reformed Church (Lion Walk Col-

chester); and the Wesley's Chapel, City Road.

offered scope for saving taxpayers' money by reducing administrative COSES.

The Secretary of State for Social Services (Mr Patrick Jenkin) was considering a study team's report on those arrangements in conjunc-tion with Sir Derek Rayner, Ary would be made only after the most careful consideration of the social

arrangements for paying social security benefits, including the frequency of payments and whether the public should be able to choose

payment of their benefits direct

Changing those arrangements

investigated before proceeding.

Mrs Lynda Chalker—Nobody will be forced to have their payments made direct to a bank. We want to ensure they will be able to receive their supplementary payments weekly and through Post Offices if they with look forward, as many other countries have done before us, to pay-

ing directly into a bank account where that is desired by the people concerned and make sure there is a choice and also that we help those families who have difficulty in budgeting funds on a weekly basis. There has been a great increase in the number of people taking on bank accounts. There has been a lot of erroneous comment about sub-Post Offices. This is not commutation. The matter will be consulted.

careful consideration of the social and other consequences and after proper consultation.

Mr Robert McCrindle (Brentwood and Ongar, C)—To pay pensions and other benefits less frequently than at the moment could conceivably cause a great deal of hardship As many of them are unlikely to mother and this will break that

false comments that have been heard in recent weeks. It is impor-tant that a mother should be able to receive, as of right, child bene-fit. I have taken these points fully into account. Mr Peter Tapsell (Horncastle, C)-

Is she aware of the importance in rural areas, socially, of the sub-Post Office, which perhaps alone keeps the village shop going at a time when so many facilities have been withdrawn? Mrs Chalker-We are well aware

of the importance of sub-Post
Offices to local rural and suburban
communities, particularly in rural
areas where it is the only shop. I
am considering this with other Mr Albert Sudlard (Camden, St Pancras North, Lab)—How much can be saved?

Mrs Chalker-No definite savings can yet be spoken of. Administra-tive costs saved may reach as much as £50m a year but a more modest figure may be reached by simpli-fication and, £35m may be saved to the taxbayer. Administrative costs are increasing all the time. Money payable should be paid in benefits, not in administrative charges.

# reviewing help towards fuel bills

the contenues would amounted to results of its review on heating allowances to the needy long before next winter, Mr Patrick Jenkin, Secretary of State for Social Services said. Mr Jenkin (Redbridge, Wanstead and Woodford, C) said that it had

and woodford, C) said that it had already been announced that the Government were reviewing the whole range of help available to assist needy consumers, including lone parents, with their fuel bills. The supplementary beating addi-tious were increased last November and were due to be increased in November this year.

Mr John Brans (Newton, Lab)—
Unless there is a substantial increase in the heating allowance to take account of the appalling level of inflation and the disgraceful gas and electricity prices the Government has imposed, there is a dauger that an increasing number of old people will die of hypothermia nert stimer.

Mr Jenkis—The supplementary fuel heating allowance and the heating additious are operated on the basis of increases in the fuel component of the retail price index and take into account expected future price increases. That is a realonable way to deal with it. Mr Frank Hooley (Sheffield, Hee-ley, Lab)—The massive tax on gas by the Government is equivalent to the medieval salt tax and will have a considerable effect on the stand

given a clear promise to bring forward further proposals— (Labour cries of "When?")—to give special help to those on low incomes, including the elderly, to meet their fuel bills. Mr Pant Dean (North Somerset C)—Will he press shead as fast a possible with the review in view o the understandable anxiette

me unnerstantable anxieties among the elderly and disabled and other needy groups about the ineritable—for which the Government are not to blaze—escalating their costs?

Mir Jenkin—I recognise those anxieries. The price increases which will begin to take effect in April will not be reflected in consimers' bills until three months

amounce the result of our review long before then.

Mr. Reginald Freeson. for the Opposition (Brent, East, Lab)—Something must be done at quickly as possible to establish some kind of fuel allowance or fuel rebate scheme. It is possible for the Government to come open on this and not have a private review.

Mr. Jenkin—Any question of a major new comprehensive fuel scheme is something which could not be contemplated at present because of the inevirable administrative restraints, spart from the

grative resumints, spart from the

# Extra 10p on child benefit costs £60m a year

The Government stood charged with an act of social vandalism by their failure to increase the level of child benefit, Mr Jeffrey Rooker, an Opposition spokesman on health and social security, said. He had been informed by Mrs Lynda Chalker, Under Secretary for Health and Social Security (Wallasey, C), that an announce-ment of the level of benefit would be made at the appropriate time. Mr Rooker (Birmingham, Perry Barr, Lab)—It is clear that the value of child benefit is going to fall below the combined value of family allowances and ax allowances. What has happened to the Secretary of State's promise in July 1977 that child benefits will be treated the same way as direct tax allowances?

When are the Secretary of State (Mr Patrick Jenkin) and ministers at the Department of Health and Social Security going to stop operating as moles on behalf of the

This Government stands charged with an act of unparalleled electoral betrayal and social vandalism against millions of people and it has been seen through. (Renewed Labour cheers.) Mrs Chalker-The House has been

Mrs Chalker—The House has been made aware on a number of occasions that the Government considered that with 50 many other competing claims. A general increase in November last year could not be justified. (Labour protests.) We fully appreciate the value of the child benefit, particularly for working families.

Any uprating is expensive and an extra 10p costs 250m a year. The right time to increase benefits is when all social security benefits are uprated. Mr David Stoddart (Swindon, Lab)—Will the minister go away, hang her head in shame and put on sackcloth and ashes for the way this Government has let down and sheated families? (Labour cheers.)

to an uprating in the child benefit altowance? Mrs Chalker—I do not intend to wear any strange clothes in this House. The value of child benefit at the present time is higher than it was at any time way back to

Mr Paul Dean (North Somerset, C)—While recognizing the deplorably weak economy the Government has inherited after many years of Labour rale, will the minister aim to review child benefit along with the other benefits at the atmust Mrs Chalker-Of course.

hir Chancer—Of course.

hir Dalydd Wigley (Caernaryon, M. Cymro)—Many mothers are forced to go out to work because of the eroding value of child benefits. There are strong economic and social reasons for a substantial increase in child beneat to that these mothers can say at home if they wish. eated families? (Labour cheers.) Mrs Chalker—It is inflation which Will the Government now agree has eroded the benefit. I must

Government's job is to get on top of inflation and make sure money retains its value.

retains its value.

Mr Stanley Orme, chief Opposition spokesman on social services (Salford, West, Lab)—What is the Government going to do to help millions of working families? (Labour cheers.) Child benefit is a direct incentive to the working family and the Government has let them down. She is cheating the families. Mrs Chalker-I cannot accept that

hars Chanter—I cannot scrept that the Government has cheated the family. We have been clear and housest right from the beginning. (Labour interruptions.) If the country does not have the money to pay the benefits we cannot pay the benefits. Child benefit plays an important part in the family income and is

cracial in restoring incentives, Those words are being said in the proper circles.

# Power to take fingerprints of suspects

House of Lords
Wherever the balance between
police powers and the rights of the
individual had been tipped in the
Criminal Justice (Scotland) Bill, it
lad been tipped in favour of additional police powers. Lord Foot
(L) said in some general remarks
at the beging any of the Bill's committee trace mittee stage. Each time that balance had been

tipped against the safeguards which the Thomson Committee on Criminal Procedure in Scotland thought necessary and essential, he said. This was a matter for considerable concern. He acknowledged that in some

respects police powers in Scotland were less than they ought to be. It was necessary that certain addi-tional powers be given in order to enable the police to interrogate people still in the suspect stage but

Lord Foot moved an amendment to remove potential witnesses from the scope of the Bill which provided for a policeman to stop a suspect or potential suspect on the street long enough to ask about a suspected offence to establish and, if possible without unreasonable delay, verify the address of the suspect or witness.

Lord Wigoder (L) said there was no such provision in English law and never had been. Although the English police were not slow to claim additional powers, this was one they had not been active

claiming.
What had gone wrong in Scotthought that Scotsmen were below standard in the sense of moral obligations when it came to helping the police in their inquiries?

The Earl of Manstield, Minister of State, Scottish Office, said that for years the police had been trying to clear up crimes and offences with one hand tied behind their back. He readily conceded that to get a balance between a police force which was able to go about its duties in a reasonable way, and the liberties and freedom of the indi-vidual, was by no means easy.

Although it might be undesirable to subject a potential witness to the same compilsion as a suspect faced, a potential witness should reasonably be required to give his name and address to a policeman. He had a moral duty to do this if he was in a position to

I would like to take the matter away (he said) and possibly re-design the provision to permit a constable to require a witness to give his name and address, but not to require him to remain in the constable's presence. I hope such a change would prove acceptable. The question of a sanction in the case of a totally uncooperative wit-

ness deserved more thought. Lord Foot (L) moved an amend-ment to Clause 2 (Detention and questioning at police station) to require that when a constable took suspect into detention he had to report the circumstances imme-diately to the officer in charge at police station who would decide whether continued detention was justified.

He said the clause created an entirely novel procedure both in Scotland and for England and Wales whereby a person suspected of having committed an offence might be taken into detention, which was something short of

arrest, and detained for six bours and possibly more, to be interro-gated meanwhile with police powers to search and take fingerprints.
This was a departure from the

recommendations of the Thomson committee. Through his amend-ment he was putting back into the Bill the recommendation made by the Thomson committee as one of the safeguards for a person taken into custody. Lord Mansfield said he had son sympathy with the intention of the amendment, particularly as it was on the recommendation of the Thomson Committee. He would have thought this procedure was

standard police practice.

It was envisaged that in practice the constable responsible for detaining a suspect would in the majority of cases consult with the officer in charge on arrival at the police station as to whether the circumstances justified continued detention of the suspect.

He would look at the matter to see whether a suitable provision

see whether a suitable provision should be added to the Bill. The amendment was withdrawn.
During later debate, the Earl of
Mansfield said that the Government at a later stage would table admendments to prohibit detention in respect of the same unspected offence or any offence suspected to arise out of the same circum-

The House rejected by 108 votes to 57-Government majority, 51, an amendment designed to remove the power of police to take finger-prints and other prints duing the period when a suspect was detained at the police station. Lord McCluskey said that to take the fingerprints of a mere suspect

was to go too far. There was a proviso that if a decision was taken not to prosecute, the ingerprints of the person concerned would be destroyed. Who was going to supervise the destruction and what sanctions were there if the police did not carry out this duty? The police had intelligence files on which they recorded all kinds of information which was not in law evidence, such as gossip, anony-mous telephone calls and so on. He knew of this because he had seen

The Earl of Musfield said the Government considered this power was necessary and justified in view of the assistance it gave to a police investigation\_ The power would benefit people who had wrongly fallen under sus-

picion since it would furnish con-vincing proof of their innocence more quickly than might otherwise have been possible. In almost any police activity if the police wished to cheat, to break the law, they could and would do so. The rights of the suspect in such circumstances lay both in civil action and the police disciplinary machinery.

The committee stage was The House adjourned, 10.41 pm.

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# TV programme on Russia a matter for BBC

The BBC programme, Russian-Language and People, portrayed the Soviet Union in such a favourable light that it actually extolled the circues of communism, the Earl of Kimberley (C) complained

As a result (he continued) the broadcants help persuade certain people to support the Olympic Games in Moscow. It is time the whole country supported Mrs. Games in Moscow. It is time the whole country supported Mrs Thatcher and President Carter Lord Belstead, Under-Secretary, Home Office, had confirmed that the Treasury had not made special moneys available to the BBC for teaching the Russian language on selevision. I have not (he said) seen the

programme to which he is referring. The BBC has editorial responsibility for the content of its programmes within the general rides prescribed by its charter and licence agreement. In the exercise of this responsibility the BBC acknowledges the duty to treat controversial subjects with due impartia-In this case the BBC decided to

In this case the BBC decided to proceed with the series entitled Russian-Language and People. But the BBC is reported to have shelved another series entitled Journey through Russia. I am certain these are matters for the BBC and nor for the Government. Lord Segal (Lab)—Can he confirm that these programmes were decided upon prior to the Russian invasion of Afghanistan? Lord Belstead—I understand from the newspaper reports that these programmes were filmed and planned long before the Afghani-stan invasion.

# Government Wasteful and counter-productive to keep gas prices at present level

The central core of the Labour which had been shirked for a long party's indictment of the Government was its callons disregard for the consequences of inflation on most families. Dr David Owen, chief Opposition spokesman on the corporation had agreed force targets. The corporation had agreed force targets with the corporation had agreed force targets.

demning the Government's savage increase in gas prices over the next three years which would hit ordinary families and have a devastating effect on the cost of living". It called for a comprehending scheme to project the living". It called for a comprehensive scheme to protect the most vulnerable sections of the community from the Inflationary effects of high fuel prices.

Dr Owen (Plymouth, Devouport, Lab) said a year ago inflation was ruining at 8 per cent. Now it was more than 17 per cent and by the spring it would be 20 per cent. Of the current 17 per cent inflation 8.5 per cent had been introduced by specific decisions of the Government.

Britain (he said) cannot confinue with inflation rates such as this. Domestic fuel bills on average will be up next year by £28 and for the two winter quarters if will be nearer to £20.

The Government was putting up prices against the commercial judgment of the corporation, 3h extraordinary situation for the Conservatives who spent incir whole time demanding that comwhole time demanding that com-mercial judgments should be accepted.

The main criticism of the

Government was that on their overall grounds of conservation they underestimated the importance of gas. Gas was a far better way to heat a home compared to elec-tricity where 70 per cent of the duergy west up the chimney in compensatory payments

Mr Tenkin—The Government has

By using prices as a means of conservation the Government was hitting young families, the elderly, and disabled who had heating bills for 24 hours a day. The Government said it had a review in hand to see what could be done to help poorer families. That was a lift rich coming from the Government who last year made a public expenditure cut of about 530m by scrapping the electricity discount scheme. It should introduce a compreicity discount mneme.
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It should introduce a compre-hensive scheme for next winter which would cover not just gas and electricity, but also parafilm and oil.

The cost of the scheme could not start at less than £100m and it should be a great deal more than it was. That needed to be man it was. That needed to be faced. If shergy prices were going to be increased the logic of the decision was that part of the profit that would accrue to those industries had to be turned back to finance a comprehensive acheme to belp people in need.

It must cover the two winess.

orange restraints, span cost.

We will aim to provide meaningful help to those who are in the greatest need and who would be hit the bardest by fuel price increase. I hope to announce the results of our review long before next winter.

### Parish council elections

Mr Keith Stainton (Sudbury and Woodbridge, C) asked if the Home Secretary would examine the possibility that smaller parishes might organize their parish council elecsystem than was currently possible and report to the House on any implications for electoral law at an implications for electoral law at an early date.

Mir Leon Brittan, Minister of State, State, in a written reply said—
This proposal is being sympathetically considered as part of our general review of electoral law and procedures.

It must cover the two winter quarters and be paid either in . cash or through fuel stamps, pro-vided fuel stamps were available vided fuel stamps were available
to all energy consumers as a
method of saving and budgeting
for fuel bills.

The House would judge Mr
Howell and the Conservative Parky
savagely if all he produced for
next winter was some little addition to the already mean-minded
scheme produced by the Sacretary
of State for Social Services.
Increases would have to come. of State for Social Services.

Increases would have to come.

He was not shirting that. He criticized the rate and pace of the increases, which the Price Comission had said should be phased. At a time when inflation was spiralling up from 17 per cent, the figure of 29 per cent was too high. At least it should have been at the current rate of inflation.

We recognize (he said) that there is a need for an increase. Our inflement is over the savage and callous nature of the increase. Mr David Howeli, Secretary of State for Energy (Guildford, C) moved an amendment to make the

moved an amenament so make me motion read:

"That this House recognizes the inevitable need for domestic gas prices to rise, bearing in mind that so profit is now made on domestic gas sales, while industry goes short of gas; welcomes the Government's determination not to conde se dismiss accommic realistics.

Government's determination not to evade or disguise economic realities; and believes that the Government's stated intention to review the whole range of fuel assistance offers much the best bests for helping the old and those in need in an era of high energy costs."

He said that his decision setting three-year financial targets for the gas and electricity industries was impleasant and difficult. Decisions

The corporation had agreed those targets. They, intended to implement them, and that was consistent with their legal obligation. The first part of the increase would be brought in on April 1, and it would have been dishonest not to have given consumers full. warning of an increase of at least

People were misled and it was time the misleading had to stop. The cost of new gas had soured. In the current financial user the domestic sector—domestic stress,—would barely break even it would not be until navased the would not be until towards the end of the three-year target period that the domestic market would be making a reasonable contribu-

domestic consumer.

The Secretary of State for Industry (Sir Keith, Joseph) and he had received frequent and many complaints from Grms walling to build new factories or undersking other new developments but who could not get a

British Ges were making big profits—£350m last year—and this would increase substantially over

to identify people who help directly.

He was sure that the motives behind the last Government's scheme were excellent, but it had been a classic example of trying to help everybody and hardly

Much of the strong feeling from Labour MPs arose from people who refled on gas being cheap and were not told by past Governments what they should have been told—that prices would have to rise substantially in the years public spending in a short space of

be making a reasonable contribution again.

As Britain ran down its reserves
of gas, it would have to replace
them with higher cost supplies
from deepes, more distant northern waters and imports from
Norway and maybe elsewhere.
Following last year's oil 'price
increases and supply uncertainties
there was a huge surge in the
demand for gas. At present about
70,000 domestic consumers and
4.000 firms were all waiting in
be connected.

The pressures were so great that
British Gas had to ration the
provision of new supplies almost
entirely to those who had a statytory right to be connected because
they were within 25 yands of a
gas main. This put industry at
a disadvantage compared with the
domestic consumer.

The Secretary of State for

gas supply. That could not a secisfactory situation. We think (he said) that the sooner industry gets the gas it is ready to pay for the better for us in the future and the better for the economic health of the

would increase substantially over the target period, although in this year there would be virtually no proof from domestic sales.

There were compelling energy policy reasons for increased gas prices. It was also the case that the increased profits that would result from higher prices would make an important contribution to the Government's central objective of bolding down the public sector borrowing requirement. There had been suggestions for a gas tax and this was something the Government had to look at Whether British Gas profits were left in their own name or taken off them through a tax, the effects for the PSBR were exactly the annual contributions.

The April increase in gas prices rould add 0.25 per cent to the going rate of inflation and the October increase an additional 0.16, both spread over the subsomen three mooths.

The truth was that for the British Gas Corporation to hold prices at current levels for all dements. domestic gas consumers was the worst possible, most wasteful and totally counter-productive way of trying to help those for whom rising tuel costs meant real hard-ship. Instead of trying to protect veryons it was far more sensible to identify people who needed

vious Government's scheme,
The Government's proposals
would be announced in good time for people to plan how they could manage next winter. The proposals would be fully pub-

Dr Dickson Mabon (Greenock and Port Glasgow, Lab) said the propossi was economic nonsense. It was an exercise on behalf of the Treasury to try to meet the innense challenge the Tory Party had set itself of massively cutting

rime. This industry (he said) is being subverted to that end.

The Opposition inction was rejected by 305 votes to 252—Government amendment agreed to.

My John Hamman (France C) erment majority, 53, and the Gov-erment amendment agreed to.

Mr John Hamman (Exeter, C) said it was necessary to examine a new system which increased rather than reduced the charge for higher con-sumption, To introduce a new sys-tem combined with a new drive to insulate many of the older proper-ties in which the elderly and poor lived would be really to get to grips with the problem as a whole.

Mr Piter Emery (Soutton C) said Mr Pèter Emery (Honiton, C) said the presentation of the new gas prices which would be necessary to obtain the BGC's new financial objective could hardly be describ-ed as an outstanding success. His worty was that the Government had falled to convince the public of the reasons for its policy.

the reasons for its policy. Mr. David Penhaligon (Truro, L) said he could not concede that Britain must sutomatically and totally follow world demand prices for chergy.

Mr William Waldegrave (Bristol, West, C) said that it was irresponsible to try to pretend that there was any way out of expensive energy. Those who, when asked by their children what they did in the energy war, would have a feeble enswer if they said. "I kept down the price of gas so that it ran cut hore quickly."

hore quickly."

The Arthur Palmer (Bristol, North-West, Exb) said the responsibility for protecting and caring for the less fortunate must be for the community as a whole and not for the gas industry. The Government had behaved badly. The economics were these applie, but at a time when everything else was rising in price; steeply, these increases should have been phased in more gradually.

Mr Geoffrey Dickens (Hudders-field, West, C) said many people with good oil or coal fire burners switched their heating to ans on syitched their beating to sas on the strength of the availability of cheap gas. No one disputed that gas prices had to go up. But why so savaguly?

The British Gas Corporation in its advertising had been less than honest, because the person at home could not expect to know that United Kingdom shelves were running dry rapidly, and that Britain was already having to buy gas from Nolway.

Mr Joseph Aghton, an Opposition spokesman on energy (Bassetlaw, Lab), said that behind this was the grasping band of the Trezsuy. They were talking not of a licence to print money but a licence to mint gold. That was the size of the industry and the enormous level of

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industry and the enormous level of profits.

Mr Norman Lambut. Under Secretary for Eversy (Kingston upon Thames, C) said even after these increases gate would still be far and away the most attlactive and best buy for the consumer. The latest figures on the costs of healing a three-bedroomed house showed that the annual bill with oil was \$272; with electricity, \$253; cost, \$222 and gas, \$137.

After three years of real in-After three years of real in-creases of 10 per cent above the rate of inflation, gas would still be cheaper than any other fuel, cheaper even than cost, by a dis-tinct margin.

hir Lamont—The Government are not intending to denationalize the British Gas Corporation, (A Con-servative MP: "Why not?") For him to suggest that is to fall back to help everybody and hardly helping anybody.

At least the current benefit was worth £50 in a year, seven times the average help from the electricity discount scheme and big enough to make a substantial dent in the winter quarter's fuel bill for those in greatest hardship. The National Gas Consoner Council had rightly said that it was an improvement on the preon his great talents as a novelist. It is a work of pure fiction.

All the best estimates were that supplies of oil and gas in this country would be running down in the 1990s. It would be folly for this

# Education Bill guillotine a virility symbol for Labour—Minister

The Opposition was determined to get a timetable motion on the Education Bill from the start of its committee stage. Mr Mark Cartisle, Secretary of State for Education and Science (Runroth, C) said when moving the guillotine motion providing that for committee stages providing that the committee stage should end by February 4 and the report and third reading be com-pleted in two stitings of the House

Mr Carlisle said timetable motions invariably caused indignation in an opposition but on this occasion any such indignation could not be more synthetic or unjustified. The Bill, which had 37 clauses, had already been in committee for \$2 hours and it was clear from the outset the Opposition were determined to get a timetable motion. They had brought this motion on themselves. It seemed that Mr Neil Kinnock. It seemed that Mr Neil Kinnock, the chief Opposition spokesman on education, looked upon the achievement of a guillotine motion as some form of virility symbol. From the start of the committee stage, he was determined to have a guillotine debate believing that it would enable him to make some flamituations. would enable him to make some flamboyant, hysterical speech rather than busying himself with detailed discussion of the Bill.

This was an important and urgent Bill.

The need for the Bill was clear. If local education authorities were to achieve the savings which the Government was looking for in the coming financial year it was necessary for this provision dealing with meals and transport to be on the statute book before the commentement of the financial year and the beginning of the sum-

vest and the beginning of the sum-The Government was committed

to reductions in education expend-iture in 1980-61 of £280m, of which over £200m would have to be found

out of the present subsidy for meals, milk and transport, it was necessary that local authorities should be free to charge for trans-Mr Neil Kinnock, chief Opposition

Mr Neil Minnock, chief Opposition spokesman on education (Bedivellty, Lab) said that Mr Carlisle was complaing about the virility of the Opposition. Comparison with the 1978 Bill exposed the inadequacy of the then opposition and the way in which it was too tired, lazy or misinformed to fulfil its parliamentary duties of scrutiny.

The guillotine fell tonight on clauses that referred to school milk, meals and transport in England, Scotland and Wales. These were the most sensitive, the most were the most sensitive, the most political clauses, the clauses that means a tax on parenthood. meant a tax on parenthood.

They were supposed to give freedom to local authorities. Whatever local authorities under Tory control may have wanted before May 3, against a background of cuts, economic depression and other calls on their finances, they did not want those clauses now. That was a freedom they did not want. Mr William Van Straubennee (Wokingham, C) said the time would come when the House would regard this kind of ritualistic dance

as an anachronism. There were a considerable number of new MPs on both sides who were fed up with the present system and believed that the way the committee proceedings was conducted was an outrage on com-monsense and examination of legis-

Mr John Farr (Harborough, C) said he hoped this timetable motion would not prevent proper discussion of what amounted to the heart and soul of the Bill. To many MPs the clauses relating respec-tively to school meals and transMr Michael Foot, deputy leader of the Opposition (Ebbw Vale, Lab), said a major alteration in educathis Bill. Major burdens were to be placed on many families up and down the country. It would have been far better in the Government's own interests if it had been present to allow a lower transfer to allow a lower discuss prepared to allow a longer discus-sion and debate.

The Bill might be described better perhaps as the Free School Transport (Abolition) Bill. ma Poverty Trap (Extention) Bill or the Hir the Children First Bill. Any of these titles would be more apposite. Mr Norman St John-Stevas, Chapcellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Leader of the House (Cheim-ford, C), said that under the Gov-

ernment proposals a local educa-don authority would continue in be able to help parents with urrangements for getting their children to school. It was not the Government's in-tention to do anything which could be regarded as discriminating against families whose children attended church schools as a matter of religious conviction. ter of religious conviction.

The Secretary of State (Mr Carlide) would consider moving an amendment at the report stage if he thought it necessary to ensure that there was no discrimination against children attending denominational schools. The Government did not expect any change to the system in practice.

Guillotines were a necessary till. No (Government should resort to one lightly and they should be implemented where a case had been proved.

St. John Stevas spira.

St John-Stevas spkg-The motion was carried by 304 majority, 49.

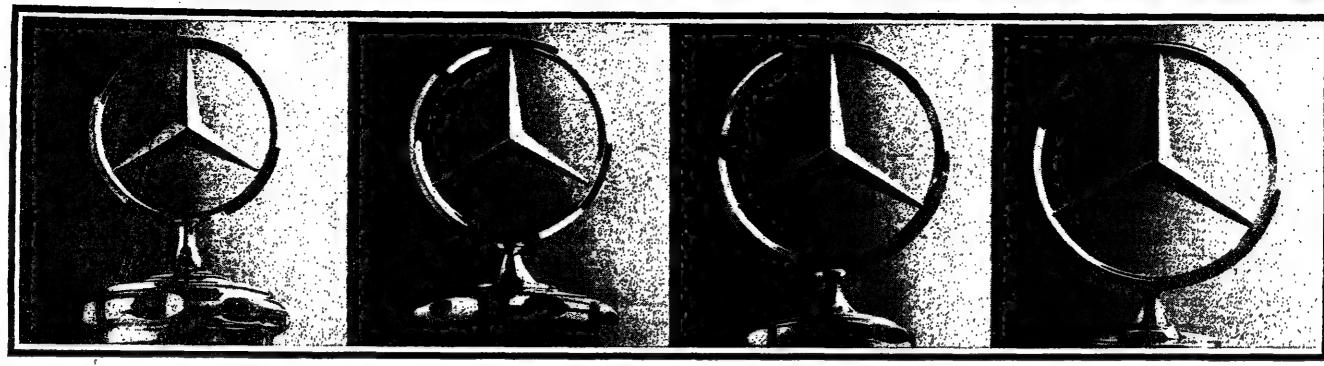
# Cancellation of Red Army chair visit

The Government's general advice on the subject of visiting the sorted out. They were looking to the Government for directives on the Government for directives on the Government for directives on the contacts should be the off for the time being, Mrs. Thatcher (Barnet, Finchley, C)—We do not necessarily give directives. Oute rightly so, We do tender advice. It is the responsibility of those who receive the advice to the cities who receive the advice to the cities that we can off many of these political and cultural contacts for the time being as a way of making the protest we

can against what has happened in Afghinistan.
Replying to a written question from Mr Warren Hawksley (The Wredn. C) asking if the Home Secretary would refuse visas to members of the Red Army Choir due to visit Britain in May, Mr Timohy Raison, Minister of Stale. Home Office (Aylesbury, C), said the Russians had been told that the Gorerment expected them to cancel the tour. He did not, therefore, expect applications for visas

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# OVER THE YEARS, MERCEDES-BENZ HAVE MADE SOME CHANGES TO THEIR ORIGINAL DESIGN.



1926

Car design may have undergone some changes over the years, but the star on a Mercedes-Benz has never followed short-lived fashions.

Ever since 1926, the star has represented the ambitions of the two men who invented the car.

Gottlieb Daimler and Karl Benz who forty years before had, unknown to each other, both proved that high-speed petrol engines were capable of powering road vehicles.

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The name Mercedes belonged to the daughter of the then Austro-Hungarian consul-general who entered his 23 h.p. Daimler in a race which he easily won.

Many more racing successes followed and the name Mercedes very soon became established as the name for all Daimler cars.

Scarcely a decade had passed since the invention of the motorised vehicle before Daimler and Benz wished to regularly test and compare their new vehicles in racing competitions and rallies.

Racing competitions tested the vehicles' speed

1951

and overall performance, rallies tested construction and endurance over long distances.

1968

Their aim was to test the basic features of design in order to build a car that was suitable for every road condition and every traffic situation.

To design a car that would be equally at home in the northern hemisphere or at the equator, on made-up or unmade roads.

Since 1926, when the firms of Daimler and Benz joined together, their aims have gradually been fulfilled.

Over the last fifty-four years Mercedes-Benz have been developing increased engine performance, easier handling, practical comfort and greater safety for the driver and passengers in the event of an accident.

In 1951, for example, Mercedes-Benz were the first to design the safety cell, a rigid compartment with collapsible crumple zones at the front and rear of the car.

The combination of passive safety with active safety is, in itself, a symbol of Mercedes-Benz.

1980

Passive safety helps to avoid injuries in the event of an accident, and active safety gives the driver all possible help to avoid just that sort of situation in the first place.

In 1968, for example, we saw the development by Mercedes-Benz of the semitrailing swing rear axle.

It was a simple system to ensure maximum road-holding, especially when you are braking and cornering, while maintaining all the benefits of independent suspension.

It was yet another example of Mercedes-Benz continuing to research and develop, and to refine the concept of the motorised vehicle.

Yet another attempt to reach technical perfection, as is every improvement made by Mercedes-Benz.

And that's exactly what the star represents on every Mercedes-Benz you see on the roads in the 1980's.



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Why Labour cannot build a platform based only on the views of a hundred thousand of its members

# This serious challenge Labour must fight

influence of the philosophical right worldwide over the last few years has been made easier by the philosophical exhaustion of the left. In Britain this has had important and foreseeable electoral consequences.

It was Richard Titmus in a book on the blood transfusion market, The Gift Relationship, who drew attention for the need to restore the principle of altruism to its primary role in the theory and practise of socialism. In speeches and writings on social policy and human rights during the 70s I warned repeatedly of the dangers of neglecting the co-operative altruistic philo-sophical base of the Labour Party's appeal.

Party's appeal.

One of the crucial ingredients of Mrs Thatcher's victory was the prior change in the political climate that resulted from a sustained philosophical championing of the values of thrift, self reliance and personal initiative. The change was also helped by a skilfully conducted campaign to discredit the ideals of socialism, identifying the socialism, identifying the Labour government with bureaucratic statist insensitivity and the stifling of individual liberty.

came defensive and cautious and the unattractive aspects of the new Conservatism were masked. Particularly in the south those parts of the electorate that might normally have reacted against the new Conservatism's naked support for self interest, exploitation of racialism, advocacy of in-equality and insensitivity to unemployment, either ignored these aspects of policy or rated them of less importance than

The events of January and February, 1979, greatly helped in this reordering of priorities, powerfully reinforcing the right's critique. It also damaged the Labour Party's hitherto unchallengeable role as the most concarned and compassionete party. It is hard to underestimate the damage that those two months did to the image of the whole Labour movement. The serious challenge to the Lebour Party in the 1980s is to reestablish its historic identification with social responsibility, social cooperation and social morality. To rediscover, re-assert and redefine the role of fraternity in the balance between liberty and equality. If the Labour Party allows the strand of fraternity and cooperation to be weakened and to become identified with sectionalism then it will no



Dr David Owen: the task is to develop a philosophy for the 80s, to revive cooperation and fraternity in the party.

longer appear to stand for the development of a cooperative, neighbourly and altruistic society. Without a credible alternative nothing will stop the Thatcher experiment domi-nating the 1980s and the emer-gence of an individualistic un-cooperative, isolated, selfish

The Conservative Government with an identifiable philosophy and favourable political climate will use all the power and influence of office to main-tain this public mood. Despite the economic and political trauma that lies shead with inflation, unemployment and by-election defeats for the Conservative Government it is not inevitable that the next election will take place in a political climate sympathetic to socialist ideals. To win an election the political climate of the time matters as much as detailed policles.

Between now and 1983 or 1984, a year which has already emotive Orwellian imagery attached to it, there will be persistent attempts to associate the Labour Party with envious suphyritaries. authoritarian, insensitive bureaucratic control. To depict it as the advocate of all per-vading state power, impersonal national institutions and as being dominated by the trade

A political party, unlike a society or a group, must seek and hold the support of millions outside its ranks. It cannot build itself a platform based only on the views of a hundred thousand or less of its members. It is no accident that the Labour Party appears to be the Labour Party appears to be less identified now with the historic revolutionary cry of fraternity. It has allowed its

commitment to collective action and thinking on occasions to become identified with sectional interest. It has not challenged vigorously enough the minority within the party and the trade unions who are contemptuous of concensus and scornful of

of concensus and scornful of compromise and moderation.

As a consequence, those who see virtue in seeking out agreement and widening support are all to frequently attacked by the left on the present National Executive Council for advocating middle of the road concensus policies.

The essence of the 1974 manifesto was on the reestablishment of greater national cohesion. Now it is argued the days of the postwar concensus days of the postwar concensus are over, that we should throw away the framework of postwar Britain and replace the extremism of Mrs Thatcher on the right with a polarized extremism of the left.

The left on the NEC talk now of a political crossroad, of

breaking the post-war consen-sus. But if this means embracing a philosophy of increased centralization and statism it will further weaken the Labour Party's identification with a fraternal society image. The task instead is to reshape the current political climete and develop a philosophy for the 1980s that revives the strand of fraternity and cooperation within the

Labour Party. The depressing new finding on class immobility in Britain clearly demonstrates the need for radical changes. But the deep-rooted resistance to change from interest groups demand, primarily, changes in At present there is a grow-

socialists the role of the allpowerful state, to advocate a greater degree of decentralization and local democratic control. I am very sympathetic to this reorientation; ergued for it in relation to devolution for

Scotland, advocated local autonomy for the health service and championed local govern-ment. If local government is to mean anything it must be free to make local political decisions which will run against national policy whether of a Conservative or Labour govern-

It is now the Couservative Government which is restrict-ing local government freedom. Over finance and housing over finance and housing policy they are today's centralizers. The philosophical and practical response for the Labour Party should be to re-examine Layfield's recommendations for local income to and promote converging tax and promote cooperative bousing both in the municipal and private sector.

We are all coming to recognize that past levels of economic growth will not return. Some argue for a low growth strategy because of the finite nature of resources. Others still pursue high growth but argue over whether market forces or public ownership generate greater economic wealth. In marked contrast there has been very little questioning of the social limits of growth, or of the extent to which a commitment to the market ethos breeds attitudes of materialism and self-, ishness that then feed inflationary pressures and sectional-

In tackling inflationary wage bargaining and the need for an incomes policy again we have adopted too centralized an approach. Free collective bargaining in the private and commercial public sector and realistic comparability from one body covering all the public services may be a better solution.

In short, the case is for matching the right with their cry of financial incentive, reduced tax and public expendi-ture, private control and wider shareholding, not with more drab centralist recipes but by reawakening interest in decentralized socialism and the old socialist ethos of social morality, the social wage, and cooperative ownership. The author is Labour MP for

Plymouth, Devonport Times Newspapers Ltd, 1980

# A world tribunal to investigate the Shah could be the key

The election of Abolnassan Bani-Sadr as President of Iran could bring a quick solution to the problem of the American hostages, held prisoner in Tehran for nearly three months. The new president is known to be eager for an early settlement, and has not tried to dis-guise his differences with the militant students holding them. The central issue now is whether he will receive enough backing from Ayatollah to order their Khomeini

When Dr Waldheim, the UN Secretary General, came back from Iran earlier this month, he revealed that an international committee to investigate the violation of human rights under the Shah's regime would be part of his "package agreement" for freeing the Americans. For the past few weeks he has been extremely vague about just what form such a commission could take.

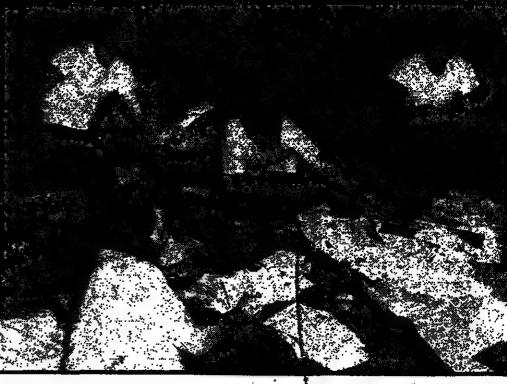
Now he has come out with a suggestion for a five man commission to inquire into Iran's grievances against the United States and the Shah, con-United States and the Shah, consisting of three representatives selected by governments, (possibly Algeria, Peru, Bangladesh and Pakistan) and two private citizens. M. Louis-Edmond Pettiri of France, and Mr Sean Macbride of Ireland, both known for their human rights activities. The commission would make a brief visit to Iran and return with a report Iran and return with a report for the Security Council.

However, even if Mr Banl-Sadr endorses this plan, and he has not yet said he will. Dr Waldheim still faces a number of problems. The Iranian students may well consider that such a hasty inquiry will not give them the public hearing they want, and the US is insisting that the hostages are released at the same time as released at the same time as the formation of the tribunal is announced. Until now, Iran has insisted that the commission has to complete its work and gain approval before the Security Council before a single captive is freed.

What may have taken Dr Waldheim some time to come up with his specific proposal could be that he was looking at the welter of existing interat the wester of existing inter-national bodies for a suitable tribunal, one that would both satisfy the Iranian demands, and by being in existence already, give less of an appear-ance that the UN can be made to yield to blackmail.

There is, for instance, the International Court of Justice in the Hague, or the European Commission for Human Rights in Streeburg, or even the Human Rights Committee in New York, whose specific job it is to monitor the Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

But the International Court s only competent to deal with ts only competent to the war crist disputes between states (and in any case Iran, having refused to appear before it in Dacember over the very ques-



# Fresh hope for an end to the hostages agony

would be curiously placed to seek its help now); the European Commission deals only with Europe; while the Human with Europe; while the Human Rights Committee is excluded on the grounds that Iran did ratify the covenant but never the optional protocol that binds it, and what is more the committee is not empowered to investigate historical complaints. And the United Nations General Assembly, which could have set up an ad hoc committee of its own, has now come to the end of its session without having done so.

pring done so. Under existing international law this leaves only the United Nations Commission on Human Rights, due to hold its 36th session in Geneva between February 4 and March 14. Being political rather than judicial (it was set up in 1945 to consider drafts and conventions dealing with human rights), it does not carry the authority of the committee. But its charter does fit present needs.

Iran is a member of the 43-man commission and once a majority agreement is reached there is nothing to prevent the commission either examining immediately the accusations levelled against the Shah, or sending a team of rapporteurs to gather material on a "situation which reveals a constant pattern of violation of human rights". (As it happens, the commission is to consider procedures under which it can hear

cases presented by a country to which has, since the complaint if was filed, changed its govern-pu ment.)

The main objection to the commission could well have been timing. The Iranian students clearly want their case heard now. The commission meets only once a year; were a rapporteur appointed his find-ings could well not be published until the middle of 1981. Dr Waldheim's new proposal

meets this objection: the students could have their case heard at once. And because he, and not a non governmental agency, would set it up, it would have the authority the Russell Peace Tribunal lacked. But as a tribunal it has only one precedent: the Nuremberg trials. These were held under trials. Indee were held under the London agreement, signed on August 8, 1945, by the four allied powers and they had to include a charter for an inter-national military tribunal for the "trial of major wer criminals whose offences had no particular location". than a year later a second but similar charter was signed for

the trial of war criminals in the By getting a tribunal to investigate the Shah's past the Iranian students are looking for one thing: a respectable worldwide endorsement of their belief that the Shah was engaged in corruption,

detention and torture. No one

doubts that they have material

if they so wished they could publish their evidence to-DOCTOW,

But they wish to be heard, and only a respected international tribunal, whom no one could accuse of bias, can satisfy them. The difficulty lies precisely in that by agreeing to set up such a body of inquiry, the United Nations shows itse be susceptible to blackmail by a group of Iranian students, which is why the already existing commission could probably have handled the investigation better, had it been possible to arrange it that way.

Among the human rights organizations, however, there is a growing feeling that the world needs a permanent tribunal impartial respected and non political, before which the misdeeds of world leaders could be investigated, and which in time could become not which in time could become not just a watchdog for gross-violations of human rights, but a permanent deterrent.

But they agree that an instance like this, when the future of hostages is at stake. is probably not the moment at which one can be set up, and they recognize the enormous difficulty of persuading the factions of the world to agree to some enduring forum with real power and authority for passing international judgment on regimes, with more bite than passing world opinion.

Caroline Moorehead

### Bernard Levin

# As Punch said to Judy: the genius is missing

it is, to be sure! A clumsy libretto tricked out with the shallowest music, it turns the mighty legend on which it is based into something not much loftier than Punch and Judy; composer and librettist have missed chance after chance. That aria, for instance, in which the Don's servant—something ello, his name is—enumerates his master's conquests: it altogether lacks the sparkle that the theme which the Don turns the head of the peasant girl (her name, as I recall

I lost my programme ends in ina), their duet is too insipid for words (or music, for that matter). And the comic business that precedes the arrival of the statue in the middle of Giovanni's supper, let alone the frightful antickmax afterwards, in which the survivors point the moral, is almost impossible to sit through. To think that this work received its first performance in 1787, when the music of the eighteenth century had reached levels of refinement and profundity that had rarely been touched before

I saw Don Giovanni the other day, for the first time in my life, and I hope the last. What a feeble opera it is, to be sure! A clumsy libretto tricked out with the shallowest ing work it is.

I have an uneasy feeling that some of you may have dropped dead in the course of that peragraph, so I had better say at once that the management of Times Newspapers Ltd can accept no responsibility for loss or damage, howsoever caused, and no agent or servant of the company is empowered to waive or vary that condition in any circumstances. For the survivors, I must now reveal that the opera I am talking about is not Mozart's but Gazzaniga's, which was given two performances by Opera Viva last week, the first in this country, it seems; and a stranger musical experience I never expect to have.

The similarities between Gazza-niga's version and Mozart's are not ful only to the fact that the legend follows certain well-marked paths; the libretto of the earlier version (its premiers preceded that of Mozart's by only eight months) was written by one Bertati, who also wrote the words for Cimarosa's II

dentally, revived at Glyndebourne some years ago, but as far as I know nowhere in this country since), and Da Ponte, who was never much given to heeding the Prayer Book's plea to "keep my hands from picking and stealing", simply helped him-self to the entire plot, though since

be, too, was a genius, he clothed it in language that made it an instru-ment as fitting for Mozart to play as Mozart was for whatever or whomever was playing him. But the result was extraordinary; for a Mozartian it was similar to, but much more painful than, the experience of seeing Beaumerchais'
The Marriage of Figure, in which
the soul's ear aches beyond human
endurance from the absence of the

music. The Gazzaniga Don Giovanni was worse precisely because there was music to accompany scenes that were intimately familiar. When the curtain went up and Lepor—that is, Pasquariello—began to sing Notte a giorno faticar in the wrong tune, it sounded weird enough, but as the evening went on, and item after item—the catalogue, Il mio tesoro, the invitation and its acceptance,

Matrimonio Segreto (a delightful and much under-rated work, includentally, revived at Glyndebourne some years ago, but as far as I know unterly unfamiliar, I began to go well as any opera in the repertoire, and if you were to ask ma, either nowhere in this country since), and guietly mad, and were at not for before or after I saw Gazzaniga's out transmognified into something unterly unfamiliar, I began to go quietly mad, and were it not for the fact that the Gazzaniga version omits the party scene altogether (imagine the Tric of the Masks song to music other than Mozart's I), which enabled me to steady myself, I fear I would have ended the

evening altogether unhinged. (At one point, I suggested to those around me ther we should all start singing the right music, but I couldn't get a movement going.) Then my companion, as we sought

Then my companion, as we sought strong black coffee to steady our nerves in the interval, said something of much wisdom. He called it "a saintary experience in every sense", and when I said "Come, come—we don't need to be reminded that Mozart was a rather good composer", he replied "Yes, we do", whereat I pondered on his meaning, and came to the conclusion that he was right. he was right.

The truth is that nothing should be taken for granted, and that unless something happens, regularly and frequently, to recall us to that truth, it will be forgotten, with

version, whether it is not one of the greatest arristic achievements course say that it is. And yet there is no doubt that the quality of my answer would have been different before last week's experience of the lesser work from what it would be —is—today. For the hardest of all arristic exercises is to remember every time we hear or see or read a familiar masterpiece that it was a familiar masterpiece that it was once entirely new to us. Of course, any work of art—this is how, if all else fails, we know it is a work of art—continues to reveal new depths and qualities however often we experience it, but that, though closely allied, is not quite the same thing.

I must have seen Figaro more than 50 times, and for at least the last 42 I have derived a feeling of almost inexpressible happiness from almost inexpressible happiness from the scene in Act One in which the Count removes the cloth from the srunchair to reveal Cherubino beneath it; the reason for my happiness is not the joke itself, though well-produced it is a very good

joke, but the fact that it is invari- a minor Symphony for the first time, ably greeted by a burst of delighted and astonished laughter. The laughter, and the astonishment and delight it contains, comes from those members of the audience who do not know before the scene takes place what is about to happen, and my joy springs, instantly and over-whelmingly, from the fact that in their first experience of the reve-lation I can vicariously recall my

That recall is essential, and if we lose the ebility to capture it we have lost something precious and vital. (That is why, at a performance of Macbeth, I fight not to catch sight of Banquo's ghost before the director wants me to, though I have seen the play sufficiently often to know by instinct where to look.) It is a truism, of course, to say that there are no hackneyed works, only backneyed audiences, but the point about truisms is that they are often about truisms is that they are often true, and this one certainly is. What we must never lose, in the experience of art, is innocence, for art will only speak in all its mystery and glory to the innocent; the Sixth Beatitude is an exact description of someone hearing the G

and could wall serve as the epigraph for Peter Shaffer's tremendous play.

Amadeus. (Do you really suppose that the fact that it is the most gigantic box-office success the National Theatre has had since it. moved into the new building is an accident? If you believe that, you are probably capable of believing that The Magic Flute is an accident, and if you believe that you are probably Mr James Fenton.) And so it was that Gezraniga's

Don Glovanni, trifling work though it is, was an experience that, having had, I would not beye missed for any consideration. To hear Mozart's Don Giovanni is an experience only alightly less and the le

slightly less overwhelming the twentieth time than to hear it the first. But to hear the same work with the genius removed is to make that "slightly" on the twenty-first visit. slighter still.

Attack which on Sunday (Manager) visit, slighter still.

After which, on Sunday (Mozert's birthday, though I am ashained to say that I had forgotten until our Mr Mann reminded me in the interval), the real thing: the Jupiter and the unfinished C minor Mass with Abbado and the ISO Most with

Abbado and the LSO. March that, D Times Newspapers Ltd. 1980

# TORONTO DIARY

### The city which Canadians love to hate

Toronto ought to be in deepest winter. There are a few signs of it-trees are a bare grey grass is a dirty yellow and the calendar face shows January. But the storms which blow from the prairies and up from the American south-west have almost entirely missed this pocket of the continent this

"A mild sunny day", the television says, and no pros-pect of snow, while outside it is a few degrees below the freezing point, practically keeping out into upstate New York, Winter Olympics organizers at Lake Placid are biting their nails.

and foremost, a winter without often necessary to wear a the curse of salt: thrown by sweater in cinemas and resthe thousands of tons on to roads and pavements from ubiquitous air conditioner, in fleets of lorries after the nor- winter the city has itself mal ice and snow storms, it organized to simmer in a subtations from trams and buses.

Later it lucks in solution in with gardens and fountains great briny puddles to be splashed on the shivering above ground, is an improbable trains, one sees the evidence pedestrian by passing vehicles, mutation in soaring glass and for a characterization which guidest and big shopping "malls"

TallWay with clean subways. Each station—no litter, no smoking, no buskers—comprises acres of polished terrazzo granite floors

rimy white on everything it and contains almost 300 has touched.

In spite of the "warm spell", outward evidence that there is an election campaign in progress is scarce, save for newspaper headlines. Candidates have been doing some maintreacting by it is still too. mainstreeting, but it is still too chilly to spend much time shaking hands at the factory

The large fluorescent card-board placards carrying candinames that grace front lawns during the normal sum-mer campaigns are few and far between. It is an effort, even in this unseasonable midness, to pound the wooden stakes

# the weather

lacid are biting their nails. Weather, in any case, is A warm and almost snowless something Toronto is adept at winter in Toronto means, first avoiding. If in summer it is taurants made frigid by the eats bootleather and the bellies terranean world of connected of cars and hangs in encrus- pedestrian tunnels, train lines

and finally it dries a persistent metal of the Galleria in Milan

These shopping centres are designed to a strict formula. Two or three big stores and food halls form the magnets drawing customers through the connecting shop-line corriddors. "Food modules" are open spaces with tables and one Chinese fast-food counter, one Iralian, one fish and chips, The same pattern prevails in

the suburbs, where above-ground shopping "plazas" surrounded by car parks the size of several football pitches continue to proliferate. The old open-air plazas have been forced to enclose themselves or go bankrupt. As the January sales wind down, the red plush chair where Santa Claus sat at each plaza to hear the wishes of child suppliants is being dismantled and packed away. In deference to the women's liberation movementor maybe just as a new com-mercial twist-Mrs Claus was there on her own throne this

# Bathroom



Toronto high-life takes as a dubious accolade: "The city travelling through a succession of vast gleaming bathrooms. Reaching a suburban desti-

nation, one is often able to wait snugly indoors until the appropriate flashing light precipitates a 30-second dash up through the freezing air of one of the covered stairways on to a roasting bus. A little video screen at the driver's right hand flashes instructions and information from a computer system which knows the number of passengers and location, within three feet, of all 1,200 buses. The pheno-menon of simultaneous arrival by three No. 28 buses seems

With office and apartment towers poked into the ground everywhere during the past 15 years and suburbs, criss-crossed by miles of chain-link fencing, that in winter resemble bleak dormitory towns in Russia—the remain-ing large patches of the old ramshackle Toronto are pleasingly reassuring.

walkways winding between walkways winding between tiny clipped hedges and minute Palpable

Shops here are in two or three-storey buildings, their alleys a clutter of telephone poles and wires, trash bins and black iron fire escapes. Salt fish and salami are dispensed. The old red trains are part of

this (they have also proved cheaper to run than buses). It was the death of the American streetcar that probably kept the Toronto lines alive. the Toronto lines alive.
Toronto was able to buy scores
of trams south of the border for almost scrap-metal prices in the early fifties because for 20 years National City Lines, a consortium financed by General Motors, Firestone and Standard Oil, had been buying up United States mass-transport systems and replacing streetcars with diesel busesproduced by General Motors, tyred by Firestone and fuelled by Standard Oil.

The private automobile still rules here, of course, and the city is ringed with dual carriage Narrow brick houses are rules here, of course, and the painted blazing yellow, blue, green or red by Italian and Portuguese occupants who manage also to squaeze rough of the canyons between the and endearing versions of clas- motorway junctions or amid

and shiny tile walls, so that sical gardens into a few square the tract-housing developments, the sensation becomes one of yards of earth, complete with an old brick or wood gabled shrines, statues, and miniature farmhouse can still be seen.

# prosperity

Sprawling up the slope from Lake Ontario and the port area with its railyards and grain elevators, the city is Canada's financial centre. In 1788 the English bought this land from the Mississauga Indians for, among other items, 24 brass kettles, 10 dozen looking glasses and 47 carrots. Last year annual retail sales were more than £3,500m. Even in a slow economy, the prosperity

is palpable, Toronto is the cultural centre of English Canada, too, and its intellectual heartthough when a resident speaks of a "right winger" or "the blue line", he is almost centainly engaging not in a discussion of ideology or political geography but of ice hockey.

"If I was asked by some stranger to North American culture to show him the most important religious building in Canada, I would take him to Toronto's Maple Leaf Gardens", one writer remarked, referring to the home ice of the

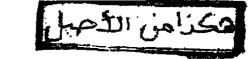
Maple Leaf's team. News of the club's latest player trades is at the top of the front page here, beside events in Iran and Management of Season tickets have been known to bequeath them in their wills. Once upon a time, Toronto's ?

piety and conservatism earned in the derisory title Toronto the Good and sumers looking for a weekend of drink and abandon went to Montreal. ("Liquor stores" are still difficult to find for the uninitiaties.)

The rest of Canada still cultivates with relish a dislike of the place. And yet, the object of disdain is itself composed mainly of people from elsewhere: in a population of 2,800,000 only 300,000 were born here. born here.

But this pet eversion may have its uses in a country torn by regionalism. The theme of a post-var radio play by a Toronto broadcaster remains valid: That's just it. We all hate Toronto. It's the only thing everybody's got in com-thing everybody's got in com-you hear a dreadful between mon. You hear a dreading quartel start up between (English) Canadians and French Canadians, or Maritimers and Manitobans. Just when they're going to cut each others throat, somebody mentions forento."

tions .Toronto." Leslie Plommer





# REVOLUTIONARY GESTURES

The image of a general strike has since 1926 been as alarming to most trade unionists as it has been to other citizens. It carries with it the possibility of a divided movement alienated from the nation as a whole, and an abandonment of the limited role that the unions in this countries with the countries of the limited role that the unions in this countries with the countries of the limited role that the unions in this countries with the countries of the try have traditionally seen as their natural one. The economic crises of the sixties and seventies have thrust them more directly into political affairs than before, and power has brought responsibilities of which the leaders of the movement are in general all 100 well aware. A general strike is essentially a revolutionary gesture, and the leaders of the trade unions today are for the most part as far from being revolutionary as any group in

There is therefore real anxiety among national TUC leaders about the threat by the Wales TUC to call what would in There effect be a general strike in the Principality against the British Steel Corporation's proposals to cut back on capacity and jobs. The Wales TUC (a recent relic of the period when devolution was in vogue) does not constitutionally have the power to do any such thing, but feeling in

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South Wales is so strong that to make new arrangements to the response there might well be widespread. Unemployment is already high there, and the major industries depend closely on one another, so the indirect conse-quences of the cutbacks would extend far beyond the direct ones. The local mining industry would suffer (losing eleven or more pits) whether the cutbacks were imposed in full, or avoided by the purchase of cheaper coal from abroad. The railways would also suffer, and so would engineering and service indust-ries: in all, the Wales TUC estimates, no doubt tendentiously, that 51,000 jobs might be lost to Wales in the next three years because of the steel plan.

The local sense of grievance is quite real, and there is no shortage of those willing to exploit it politically to embarrass both the Government and the TUC leadership. The TUC succeeded in deflecting a proposal to begin the general strike earlier this month by sanctioning last Monday's one-day action and arranging a meeting with ministers to discuss the proposed closures. This will take place on Thursday, and if, as seems likely. the Government does not agree either to delay the closures or

mitigate their effects, the pressure in Wales to attempt a general stoppage might become irresistible. Mr Bill Sirs has also been dropping hints about the possibility " if we were very awful people " of widening the issues of the steel strike itself to include closures as well as

An unlimited general strike in Wales would be very different in mood and significance to Monday's emotional industrial carnival. Many of the workers who turned out then would hesitate to engage in an action implicitly extending the boundaries of the concept "in furtherance , of a trade dispute to an almost infinite extent. The target of such an action would not be any ordinary employer, but the Government, which holds the purse strings of the three industries most immediately involved. It would be a direct political challenge to the Government's ability to give effect to its policies in a major area of Britain. The spectacle might profoundly change the light in which trade unionism is seen by the wider public. It is no wonder that the leaders of the TUC are frightened of losing control.

# PRESIDENT SADAT'S LEVERAGE

The normalization of relations between Israel and Egypt is moving slowly. Although Israel has withdrawn from about twothirds of Sinai, and land barriers with Egypt have been opened, the future of the process is still in doubt. The Israelis profess to have been encouraged by Egyptian promises to speed it up, and they attach considerable significance to the fact that Egypt has switched responsibility for normalization from the Foreign Ministry to the Defence Ministry, which is thought to be more amenable. But Egypt has delayed both the arrival of Israeli diplomats and the start of flights by Egyptair to Israel. Clearly there is going to be nothing automatic about further

progress Some of the delays may be attributed to an Egyptian desire to avoid provoking the meeting of Arab countries in Islamabad, but there are broader reasons, too. In spite of Israeli reports to the contrary it seems unlikely that Egypt can abandon the link in the North between normalization and progress towards an agreement on Palestinian autonomy. This is still the key to a full settlement and to reconciliation between Egypt and the other Arab countries. President Sadat has got to demonstrate that his agreement with Israel does not

involve selling out the Pales-tinians. He cannot be expected to move smoothly towards full normalization with Israel until agreement is in sight.

This has become all the more important since the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan. The Arab world is fundamentally anti-Soviet but it cannot fully unite in self-defence against Soviet encroachments as long as its own relations are bedevilled by the unsolved Palestinian issue and as long as the Soviet Union can fish in these troubled waters by supporting the PLO. President Sadat courageously braved a breach with his Arab allies in the hope of reaching a settlement which would come to be supported by them. He was right to do so but he is now dangerously isolated, and the unity of the Arab world is more badly needed than ever. He still has to prove that he was right. The only way he can do so is to reach an agreement which satisfies the Palestinians. The only lever left to him is the normalization process. To let this move on without parallel progress towards an agreement on Palestinian autonomy would be suicidal. Ultimately, too, it would be contrary to Israeli interests because it would set back the whole process of reaching a settlement in the Middle East

At the moment the gap between Israel and Egypt on the Palestinian issue is still dangerously wide. Last week Egypt rejected an Israeli scheme which offered severely limited auto-nomy. This week Israel has said it will reject the latest Egyptian plan, which would grant the Palestinians wider powers of self rule. One of the few hopeful signs is a revival of Jordanian interest in the West Bank which is being discussed by Israeli politicians. Optimism also seems to emanate from Mr Sol Linowitz, President Carter's special envoy, who is visiting the area.

On present evidence it is difficult to see anything but tactical reasons for this, yet Mr Linowitz knows the pressure that the United States is now putting on Israel to be more accommodating and may have grounds for believing it will be effective. Mr Weizman, the Israeli Defence Minister, had a cool reception in Washington when he went there for more aid. Now that Mr Carter feels stronger domestically and still more determined to exclude Soviet influence from the Gulf region pressure on Israel could mount. If so, President Sadat might receive the vindication he deserves and the road towards Arab unity would be open. But nobody can feel too confident at this stage.

# A WRITTEN CONSTITUTION AT WORK

Last week the Supreme Court in Dublin held that the Irish Finance Act which has the effect of aggregating the wife's income of aggregating the wife's income with that of her husband for assessment to income tax is repugnant to the constitution of the state. Article 41 of the constitution of Ireland entrenches with much pious sentiment the primacy and protection of the family. It declares among other things that "the State pledges itself to guard with special care the institution of Marriage, on which the Family is founded, and to protect it against attack." The judge found that the joint taxation of spouses' incomes was just such an attack, and he was not impressed by the Attorney General's argument that any marriage-wrecking side-effects of fiscal legislation was more than compensated for by other privileges and advantages which the state showered on married couples and their children.

This happy result for Irish higher paid two-income married couples they owe to their judges and their constitution, not to

their politicians. That fact deserves notice over here now that interest is being reawakened in the possibilities of a written constitution or Bill of Rights. The decision is an embarrassment to the Irish Government. Mr Charles Haughey has just taken charge of it. He finds that the state is heavily over-spending. He is also beset by the wage-earning and salaried classes who are in a state of near revolt about PAYE, which, they think, penalizes them while allowing the self-employed and farmers in particular to escape their fair share of the burden. Farmers in a country like Ireland are difficult men to get tax out of, both for ministers and for tax inspec-tors; and as luck would have it, the post-EEC-entry rise in farm incomes has passed its peak just as the resentment of other taxpayers is coming to its peak in monster meetings reminiscent of the days of Daniel O'Connell. It is going to be a difficult budget for the Government next month. And now the supreme court has stripped it of £30m worth

Bill of Rights doubters may see that as typical of the muddles that arise when you allow judges as well as Parliament to make or change the law. They are also entitled to point out that the change now effected in Dublin was effected seven years earlier in the United Kingdom, which does not have the benefit of a constitutional instrument exalting the institution of marriage.

But a better view would be that basic law cannot always be asserted without political incon-venience, since it is the convenience of politicians which withholds what it is the basic law bestows; that it is precisely for that purpose that a basic law is needed; and that this Irish case is a good example of the process at work. But lest it be 100 hastily concluded that a written constitution is the surest instrument of the rights, free-doms and dignities of the citizen, Article 41 of the Irish constitution says in the next breath, "No law shall be enacted providing for the grant of a dissolution of

# Taxing the unhealthy

From Mr Malcolm D. Warner Sir, There is no excuse for this Government to pretend that there is no fair way of raising more revenue for our underfinanced Health Ser-

A straightforward 10 per cent "Health Tax" on those three products which cost the Health Service so much, namely, tobacco, alcohol and motoring (which could be taxed through a car owner's private insurance) would raise a subscrapiel some towards health care. substantial sum towards health care. This would be considerably cheaper than raising more money through new health charges which Mr Jenkin says he is now looking

Yours faithfully, MALCOLM D. WARNER, Astley House, Faringdon, Oxfordshire. January 24.

### Christian disunity From the Reverend and Mrs Chris

Bard Sir, "Smooth words butter no parsnips." It is no use the Pope and the Archbishop of Canterbury making grand declarations of the need for unity (The Times, January 21), when the reality is that Christians out most of their afforts into disunity. Religious education is concerned with the "differences" between Christian groups and the

main concern of hierarchies seems main concern of hierarchies seems
to be to secure their own positions.
I am a Church of England priest
and my wife is a Roman Catholic.
We belong to the Association of
Interchurch Families and the experiences of members are typical
of those who try to break out of the
narrow contines of their church
membership. Any attempt by narrow contines of their church membership. Any attempt by couples to engage in intercommunion, to have joint marriage ceremonies, baptisms or even funerals is usually discouraged and often made impossible by those whose constant cry is the scandal whose constant cry is the scandal of disunity. Yours sincerely,

of rax revenue.

CHRIS BARD, MARY BARD, Association of Interchurch Families, 1 Springfield Close, Eaglescliffe, Stockton-on-Tees, Cleveland. January 21.

# Voluntary welfare groups

From Mr Kenneth F. Urwin

From Mr Kenneth F. Urwin
Sir, Nicholas Hinton (January 11)
perhaps stultifies volunteers and
voluntary bodies by reserving them
for non-contentious business.
There is no denying the harsh
realities to which Ian Bradley
(January 4) referred. Nicholas
Hinton does not allow for the
momentum with which collectivization of effort has developed in the
health and social services during the
late seventies. This collectivization

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is not spontaneous: it has required careful programming in which major unions have been prominent. Health and social services buttress the economy and they do buttress the economy and they do
it by focussing a particular treatment on a particular individual at
a particular time. To this style of
work, the idea of the majority vote
for or against the job in band is
not only irrelevant but hostile also.
What we know for certain is that
treatment, whether in the direct
gift of medical nursing or ancilliary
staff, cannot be achieved by a show
of hands or written ballot.

of hands or written ballot.

The consequence during indusrial disputes of potting voting reachinery into the treatment process has been mayben, and crippling to patients and others.

Votes matter at the point where policy is laid down and resources distributed. But to see the detailed day-to-day organization of a health service hospital or a social services community have as deals detailed. vices community home as dependent on a ballot of workers is a highly contentious view and volunteers cannot be neutral about it.

Ian Bradley said in effect that wolunteers must choose whether they belong to the practitioners who do things or the policy makers who decide things. I have no doubt that they should assist the practitioners at all times.

Yours faithfully KENNETH URWIN, Director of Social Services.

London Borough of Camden 356-364 Gray's Inn Road, WCL January 14.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

# Reviving Civil Defence

From Professor Michael Howard,

Sir, The decision to provide bases in this country for United States cruise missiles; the future of our own independent strategic deterrent; the extent of our provisions for civil defence: all these have surely to be considered together as part of a single defence posture. No evidence emerged, in the course of last Thursday's debate (January 24), that this is being done by the present Government.

sent Government.

The presence of cruise missiles on British soil makes it highly possible that this country would be the target for a series of preemptive trikes by 5. viet missile. These would not necessarily be on the massive scale foreseen by Lord Noel-Baker in your columns of January 25. It is more likely that the Russians would hold such massive strikes in reserve, to deter us from strikes in reserve, to deter us from using our sea-based missiles as a "second strike force" after the first Soviet warheads had hit targets in

This initially limited Soviet strike would have the further objective, beyond eliminating weapons in this country targeted on their own homeland, of creating conditions here of such political turbulence that the use of our own nuclear

Banishing Dr Sakharov

Sir, Academician Sekharov's ex-

ample calls forth our admiration and solidarity. But what is it an example of?

Mr Khrushchev related in his memoirs that Sakharov, an extremely telented and impressive man", asked him in 1961 to cease

testing the hydrogen bomb. Khrush-chev continues: "He was a crystal

of morality among our scientists... He hated the thought that science might be used to destroy life, to

contaminate the atmosphere, to kill people slowly by radioactive

Dr Sakharov has, from that time

until the present, continued, year in, year out, to warn of the dangers of the proliferation of nuclear missiles, in the common interests of

survival of the people, East or West. His warnings were disregarded by Mr Khrushchev (in favour of diplo-

and by his successors. They have also been disregarded by the politi-cal and military leaders of the West.

Salt Treaty II, and Nato's decision

sait Treaty II, and Nato's decision at Brussels on December 12, 1979, to go forward with a "new generation" of nuclear missiles, are both in direct contradiction of Dr Sakharov's advice. And both of these menacing postures in the West directly encouraged the menacing actions of the Soviet Union—and

United States failure to ratify

" from a position of strength "),

From Mr E. P. Thompson

courage, his own government, in the common interest of survival. He is not a spokesman of "the West" in Russia, or a pawn of Western politicians. It is altogether damaging to his cause—and to our common cause—to use him in that way, and st plays directly into the hands of Soviet ideologues to do so.

Those who have failed to criticise, with equal outspokenness, our

own policies for the "modernisa-tion" and proliferation of nuclear weapons have no right whatsoever to speak of Dr Sakharov's "example". They have not under-

Yours etc., E. P. THOMPSON, Wick Eoiscopi, Upper Wick, Worcester. January 26.

Yours truly.

January 26.

education?

The Dower House,

Northamptonshire.

Boughton House, Kettering,

remove the Olympic Games from Moscow, cannot be managed at the notice, why not purge them of their

Let the initial march past be by category of competitor, not mational contingent. Let the Olympic flag be raised over each gold medalist, to a fanfare instead of a national anthem. Let the closing ceremony be celebrated by the medalists only.

Lord Killanin himself, in a book published last year on the Games since their restoration in 1896.

From Sir David Scott Sir, Here are three questions which

### Linking pensions to prices From Mrs C. E. Butler

Sir, Mr Meacher (letter, January 26) might reflect that Civil Service pensions, like all occupational pensions, are deferred salary. The pensioner is entitled to receive that salary, in money as good as that foregone, and with appropriate interest. Inflation steals it from him to benefit those still in employment, who, with the consistence of government, pay themselves more than they earn. The solution is to extend index linking of pensions and to bring down the rate of inflation so that the cost of pensions to the workforce is

supportable. Mr Meacher's proposed solution hereful no one, since the money saved by tapering the pensions of the top 6.8 per cent of civil servants could make no measurable difference to welfare benefits generally. It is a crude appeal to the politics of envy and unworthy of a member of Parliament. Yours faithfully,

C. E. BUTLER, 70 Valley Road, Welwyn Garden City.

weapons, followed as this could be by yet heavier attacks upon us, would become quite literally

incredible". Civil defence on a scale sufficient to give protection to a substantial number of the population in the event of such a "limited" nuclear strike is thus an indispensable element of deterrence. Such measures should not be covert and concealed. On the contrary, they should be given the widest possible publicity; not only so that the people of this country know that they will be afforded the greatest they will be afforded the greatest possible degree of protection in the worst eventuality, but so that the credibility of our entire defence pasture should not be destroyed through absence of evidence of our capacity to endure the disagreeable consequences likely to flow from it. In the absence of a serious civil defence policy, the Government's decision to modernize or replace our "independent deterrent" will be no more than an expensive hluff

no more than an expensive bluff likely to deceive no one beyond these shores, and not very many people within them. Yours faithfully,

M. E. HOWARD. Chichele Professor of the History of War, All Souls College, Oxford

# thus contributed to Dr Sakharov's present exile in Gorkiy. Dr Sakharov's example has been that of criticising, with immense

stood it, and they should keep a guilty silence. Criticism of the menace of other governments is easy; it is more difficult to criticise

the menace of our own.

In the House of Commons last Thursday (January 24) only 50 members voted against cruise missile "modernisation"—and, incidentally, in favour of their own party's proclaimed policies—and these politicians are the only ones with any moral authority whatso-ever to come to Dr Sakharov's

to the Russian masses how we regard these activities than a boycott of the Olympic Games in Mescow?

On the answers to these questions

should depend their decision whether or not to go to Moscow to

From the Principal of Glasgow University

Sir, In reaction to the Russian inva-sion of Afglianistan and the banish-ment of dissident Nobel laureata Sakharov, the Government is, among other things, advising our athleres to boycott the Moscow Olympic Games. That is all very well, but will the

Government now also desist from diverting young people to the Soviet Union by dropping, or at least amending, its plans to introduce economic tuition fees for overseas students wishing to pursue courses in our institutions of higher education?

education?

It is time for Parliament openly to acknowledge that ideological warfare is really a ceaseless battle for the human mind, punctuated only occasionally by territorial abuses, and that educating overseas students is as much a part of our defence system 'as Polaris missiles. Both major political parties are suilty

major political parties are guilty of this oversight. It was, after all, a Labour minister of the mid-seventies who first hawked around the univer-

who first nawed around the universities the naive calculation that overseas students were costing the country an irrecoverable £100 million per annum. It was also a Labour Government which first charged overseas attoents higher fees; its

Tory successor has merely carried that decision to its logical conclu-

My nightmare is that our descendants, or those of them at liberty to do so, will look back to the seventies as the time when we priced

### **Boycotting the Olympics**

From Miss Elizabeth Monroe Sir, If the best solution, which is to

Let each athlete choose for him or

published last year on the Games since their restoration in 1896, commends most of these changes. "I would be happier if national anthems were not used "; parading behind the flag "often leads to disputes of a political nature "; " an unfortunate tradition " uses " the opening ceremony to display national pride". Hirler at Berlin in 1936 first misused the Games in a big way, for instance, by receiving German medal-winners in his box, but not Jesse Owens because the but not Jesse Owens because the latter was a non-Aryan victor.

Let Moscow reverse the process.

Lake Placid is the place at which to

ELIZABETH MONROE, 56 Montagu Square, W1. January 26.

prospective competitors in the Moscow Olympics should ask them-

Moscow Olympics should ask themselves.

1. How strongly do I personally feel about what the Russians have done in Afghanistan and all the attendant implications?

2. How important do I think it is that not just the high-ups but the whole Russian people should be made aware of how revolted we and most of the world are by the activities of their Government? (We can be sure that the steps already taken by the United States and ourselves in regard to grain, technological information, etc. will not be generally known in Russia.)

3. Is there a more effective or

3. Is there a more effective or indeed is there any other way, short, of course, of war, of bringing home Glasgow. January 28.

### Forming a centre party

freedom at £100 million.

ALWYN WILLIAMS,

Yours faithfully.

The University,

From Mr Michael Troth Sir. As a Liberal activist in a dis-trict where the party has had con-siderable success (running the council of which I am a member with a minority administration), it is a disappointment to me to read the predictions of a social demo-crat like Mr Taverue today (Janu-ary 19), echoing Mr Jenkins in his Dimbleby Lecture, on the possible realignment of the parties and the emergence of a new centre party.
As David Steel has pointed out,
I thought we already had a centre
party and the coy attitude of l'.
Taverne towards the Liberal Party,

"an electoral pact with the Liberals

—a preliminary Eliance that could
lead in time to a full merger", does load in time to a run merger ", toos nothing to encourage my support for a liberal who will not be a Liberal. If Mr Taverne wants the support of the Liberal Party, let him join it. The same goes for Mr Yours faithfully.

MICHAEL TROTH, 1 Bury Hall, Kidderminster, Worcestershire.

# Amending the law on abortion

From the Bishop of Durham

Sir, I have deep sympathy for Members of Parliament who must shortly make up their minds on the subject of abortion, and have no wish to add to their difficulties. However, since Christians have been much involved in the vigorous campaign in favour of Mr Corrie's Bill, I believe it ought to be said publicly that this campaign does not represent the only Christian view on the matter.

All Christians, I imagine, deplore the need for abortion, and would see it in terms of a difficult choice between evils. But not all would subscribe to the simple bel'ef that human life begins unequivocably at conception and from that moment must be accorded the rights of full personhood. There is an element of emotional blackmail in language which refers to the murder of thousands of babies, and I believe it is both unwise and unnecessary to polarize the discussion as if it were a question of murder on the one hand or the removal of what some call an insignificant piece of tissue on the other.

A Church of England working A Church of England working party, whose report was one of the factors paving the way for the 1967 Act, refused to define the status of the fertilized ovum, on the grounds that any such definition would be arbitrary and inseparable from the moral judgments which it might then be used to justify.

The more fully theologians try to come to terms with what is actually known about human development, the more sensible that refusal seems. The exchange of shrill certainties

about a matter on which, in the nature of the case, certainty is im-possible, only serves to make an

agonizingly difficult problem more intractable.

The main clause in Mr Corrie's Bill about the gravity of the risks needed to justify an abortion, follows closely the original Church of England recommendations, which were criticized at the time for being unworkable. Its accept-ance now on a tide of emotion, backed by absolutist claims, could open the door to an illiberal inter-pretation of the law as extreme in

its way as the previous over-liberal interpretation of the 1967 Act. Law is a blent instrument for dealing with intimate personal dilemmas. I therefore incline to the view that the best way forward is not by further legislation, but by active encouragement of the medi-cal profession, in conjunction with other responsible people, to work out a code of practice in these mat-

out a code of practice in these matters, taking into account the strong
expressions of public feeling which
the present Bill has aroused.

Water-tight legal prescriptions
are bound to create injustices and
absurdities in an area where precision is impossible. A code of practice, on the other hand, within the broad framework of the law as it is at present, could remedy the proven abuses while allowing the flexibility which the practice of good medicine requires. Yours faithfully, JOHN DUNELM,

but with the difference that the local organization and control is

authorities are dressed in very different uniforms. They of the take

meals in neighbourhood restaurants.

The behaviour of the police is a matter for local political discussion and control: in the mid-Western town of 200,000 in which I have just spent the last four years the former mayor had been elected in

large part to reform the city police department, and there was public

consideration of, inter alia, whether to authorize police use of hollow bullets and of the necessity of the city's Special Weapons and Tactics unit.

Because it was clear the police

were agents of the local citizens

and not perceived as representa-tives of distant, unresponsive authority, relations between the police and the rest of the com-

Officers of different police

Auckland Castle, Bishop Auckland, County Durham. Jenuary 28.

very evident.

# Presenting the police case

From Mr R. D. M. Davies Sir, Mr Lyon, MP (report, January 26) is quite right when he says that the public has to be sure that the police are not breaking the rules; but what a pity that he should spoil his constructive criticism by an intemperate attack on Mr Alderson and Mr Anderton.

The police have suffered in the past from an acute shortage of articulate senior officers willing to contribute to the debate on law and order. Mr Alderson and Mr Anderton are two leaders who not only express their views forcefully, eloquently and with logic, but who also innovate in an attempt to maintain public tranquilkty with the minimum amount of force.

It would be a tragedy for the public and the police if such biased and ill-conceived criticism were to discourage other police chiefs from following their example. Yours faithfully,

ROBERT DAVIES, Police inspector, Metropolitan Police, 82a South Park Road, Wimbledon, SW19. January 27.

From Dr William Tobin Sir, As befits a democratic society. Britain's police forces are organized locally. So also in the United States, munity were good. In the United Kingdom the cosmetic measure of an obvious variety of uniforms and the more substantial change in police control would surely improve and coment the images of our police forces.

Yours faithfully, WILLIAM TOBIN, Castlegate, North Castle Street, St. Andrews, Fife. January 21.

# The price of gas

From Mr E. R. Smith Sir. Your recent leading article (January 16) stated that the price of gas has been too cheep for too long. In addition, you—and as it turns out, the Government—justify the planned rises on the basis that gas is a scarce resource and higher prices will act as an inducement to conservation. It now seems to be conservation. It now seems to be a completely forgotten fact that until about five years ago British Gas expended huge sums of money in an endeavour to persuade us to take to gas as a primary source of

Many people made substantial Many people made substantial personal investments in gas after carefully examining the alternatives available, and were persuaded partly by the gas industry itself that in future gas provided an accessible and continuing source of energy at both a stable and ultra-

competitive price compared with other forms of energy. There can be no doubt that following the recent announcement, the public at large has been grossly misled. Whilst both understanding

and accepting the need to conserve energy supplies for the future, how is it possible to interpret this at times of illness and/or extremely cold weather? I suspect that as a result of the inflation of the last few years, most people are already exercising considerable restraint in the use of energy, if only to conserve their own cash reserves.

Envelopment has his Covernment

Furthermore, has this Government not yet learned the tragic fact that price no longer tends to control demand or consumption, but rather adds weight to the call for higher wages? This on the one hand fuels the inflation spiral, and on the other the initiation spiral, and on the other certain sectors of the community, namely those on fixed incomes, become poorer. This then results in subsidies of one form or another and in turn this gives rise to greater Governmental borrowing requirements, and consequently higher texation.

Yours faithfully. EDWARD R. SMITH, Phildon Lodge, Seal Hollow Road, Sevenoaka, Jenuary 17.

### Constructive criticism From Mr Bryan Jefferson

Sir, Your leader, "London is not for speculators" (January 23), was well titled and reminds us of the wider context surrounding the Vauxhall Cross proposal. It also effectively answers the points made by Mr Pigott by reminding every-body that clients, the public and all of us have a responsibility for the way our built environment looks and works, especially on large, nationally important sites.

This wider responsibility has three dimensions; first, the social and economic. Does the proposal make sense for the city? Will it benefit employment prospects, increase prosperity in the locality and so on? The second is environmental: what will be the impact of the scheme on its surroundings? Can the inhabitants (and the traffic they create) be accommodated by the roads and transportation system—essentially, is the development appropriate to the site?

Finally, there is the design of the building itself. Here the archi-tect must take a large share of the responsibility. But if the earlier questions are answered wrongly, or if they are the wrong questions, there is little that even the best perhitter tend of the achieves the best architect can do to achieve a really satisfactory solution.

Neither these comments nor your leader apply only to the proposed building at Vauxhall Bridge. They relate to new schemes anywhere, about which the public have every right to be concerned. This correspondence and the interest shown is therefore to be welcomed. It will help to create more responsible and responsive clients, a more in-formed, demanding public and provide my profession with the challenge to produce good archi-Yours faithfully,

BRYAN JEFFERSON, President, Royal Institute of British Architects, 66 Portland Place, W1.

### Behaving honourably From Mr Jacques Champagne

Sir, Freedom of the press is a wonderful thing: like Aesop's tongue, it can be the best or the worst in the world. It allows Bernard Levin to write in The Times (January 17): "Of course, no serious observer of the international scene would expect the French to behave in any way other than the most dishonourable that the situation permits. . . ."

Perhaps the point should be made that "serious observers" of the international (let alone the national) scene are getting remark-ably fewer as general confusion grows, crises loom larger and intellectual, literary and political vulgarity take pride of place.

Popular scribes, clever propa-gandists, pollsters, universal critics, PROs, prolific gossip writers, Agit-

prop experts, entertainers, hard-Esting columnists—yes, they are plentiful. But "serious observers"? They seem to be reduced to a handful and (if I might be permitted to say so) they would hardly count Bernard Levin amongst their num-

bers, whether at home or abroad.

By arrogating to himself the right or the pretence to speak in their name for the sake of gratuitous and cheap insult, and by dropping sen-tences such as "some of Britain's more treacherous allies", Bernard Levin is only adding to the general confusion of mind. That, et a time when competence, reflection and clarity of thought may well be the last weapons for personal, national and collective survival.

Yours faithfully.
J. CHAMPAGNE, c/o The Foreign Press Association, January 21.

# Why Mr Abse is having to fight the divorce battle all over again

"Personally I feel there should be two different kinds of divorce: one when children are involved, another when they aren't. I am completely against making divorce any easier for couples with children—that's my prejudice, I suppose."
The speaker is Mr Leo Abse, one of Parliament's more forward backbenchers, yeteran of many a public issue and Private Member's Bill, whose latest task it is to urge reform of our much criticized divorce system.

But haven't we-and Mr Abse-been here before? Most people in their thirties and forties can recall the ferocity with which the 1969 Divorce Reform Act was fought, and the fact that Mr Abse was one of its chief architects. Now he is chairing an all-party committee of MPs to try to persuade the Government to take another look. What, in his opinion, went wrong?

"The 1969 law had built in obsolescence", he says. "We were legislating on a staircase moving so rapidly that if I ever had any illusions that this was the last word on the subject they were rapidly shattered by the changing role of women. The hig battle at the time was with those opponents of the Bill who claimed that it would license middle-aged men to abandon their wives and marry their secretaries."

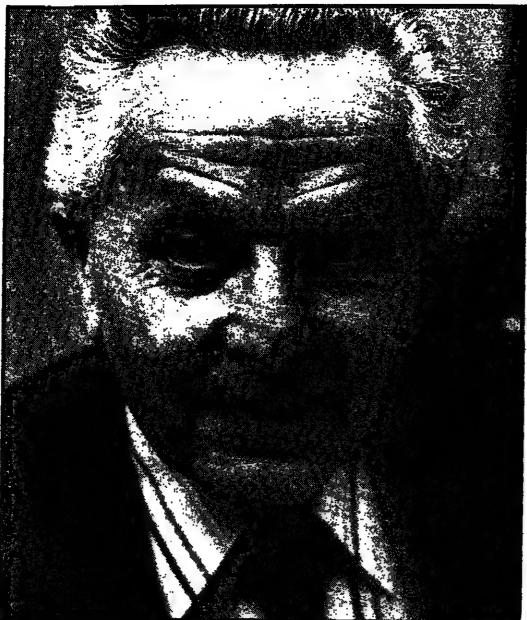
"If you remember it was called a Casanova's Charter'. It was to placate that lobby-the middle-class, middle-aged ladies who were worried about being divorced against their wishes-that stringent financial safeguards for women were put in the 1969 Act and this caused many of the present difficulties."

· But Mr Abse is anxious not to identify himself solely with the more vocal, not to mention more impoverished exclushands who are the most aggressive of the lobbies wanting change. "We have a much wider spectrum of opinion and issues to take into account." Whatever his sympathies with the husbands who suffer, he keeps them close to his chest. He is well aware that on its own this will not create the climate

for change.

"There is a great deal of dissatisfaction elsewhere. The Law Society made its regrestions last year. The Church of ganizations quite rightly stress the problem of children. It is clear that the manner in which the courts currently dispose of them is much too perfunctory.

Concern for children has been one of the main themes of Mr Abse's parliamentary career. Illegitimacy, adoption and abortion are three issues towards which he has been drawn on their behalf. And one of the main



motives behind his support for divorce law reform in the 1960s was the legitimizing of the thousands of children whose parents could not free themselves from their official partners under the old law.

This time the issues are rather different -the difficulties faced by fathers who seek custody or access, and the extraordinary

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bias of the judiciary, one of whose members recently caused an uproar when he handed over an 18-month-old baby who had been, in his opinion, well cared for by its father, to a mother who had left home a few weeks after its birth.

Did the 1969 Act achieve anything? It did away with those grisly court battles to

establish "guilt" or "innocence" which provided some of the press with its news and the private detectives with their employment. But, says Mr Abse, the failure lies in the way the old conflicts have been transferred from battles about guilt to arguments over money, children and property. He feels that much more could be done to reconcile couples after divorce. He feels that many of the disputes that cost the participants and the taxpayer millions of pounds each year are just ways of continuing unresolved conflicts.

He places a lot of blame on the judiciary. The 1969 Act stated clearly that conduct was to be taken into account when dealing with ancillary matters. Judges have chosen to take an extravagantly amoral view in their interpretation. They have ignored that part of the Act completely. They have shirked their role."

Was Lord Denning wrong when he said, in his famous Wachtel v Wachtel decision, that behaviour was only to be taken into account if it was "obvious and gross"?

"Yes", says Mr Abse, "he was. We never intended the Act to be interpreted like that ". Part of the dissatisfaction with the present system, he says, arises because the courts seem to have suspended all moral judgment: However convenient this is for the lawyers, the public does not like it.

He thinks new procedures have made a mockery of the reconciliation provisions. which were put into the 1969 Act to please the Churches. But whether reconciliation was ever a realistic objective for a divorce law in the first place must be open to

Mr Abse clearly recognizes a hornet's nest when he sees one. He diplomatically refers to "differences of emphasis" among the various groups wanting change. What he wants is a full Law Commission inquiry.

"I think this is the best way to approach things. The Law Commission are not dry as dust hidebound lawyers who will take a narrow view of the issue. They will involve everyone with something to say. What I want to do is to convince the Lord Chancallor that there is genuine public concern and demand for change. We must have a comprehensive inquiry. Nothing is worse than hurried and botched legislation. It is a long haul, of course. The last time it took seven years. All these things take time. I am used to that."

Maggie Drummond

Tomorrow, in the first of three programmes BBC's Nationwide will discuss the problems of

# Channel 4: can the big money be found?

Television at breakfast may or may not be a starter, nor will it necessarily begin when the new franchises start in January, 1982

There are still meetings to be held, views to be canvassed. before the Independent Broadcasting Authority settles on its the commercial network and its new, slightly altered regions, as we gaze, still trying to get the focus right, into the 1980s.

Television at breakfast may or may not be a starter, nor will it necessarily begin when will it necessarily begin when the new franchises start on January 1, 1982. The snap-crackle-pop of breakfast food advertising cheques may be heard in the land—but that, as the IBA people pointed out last week, is not something they are concerned about. are concerned about.

What is certain, however, is that duality has been created in two large regions, the south and the Midlands, And although each is splir, each will be controlled by a single company, which at a stroke rules out smaller groups who had hoped for a clean break in each case.

Unless they can find substantial backing from a bank or a commercial enterprise, they are certain to find the tens of millions of pounds required to go into the television business quite beyond them.

Looking first at the south, the region runs to Dorchester in the west, northwards from Southampton to Reading and the Thames Valley, east to the Isle of Thanet. Taking over the Blucbell Hill transmitter between Chatham and Maidstone, the company operating the franchise will serve the whole of Kent instead of balf

"It's going to remove that frustration and we shall know programmes designed for the area will be capable of being received through the entire area". Mr Frank Copplestone, managing director of Southern Television, says.

Southern, assuming it cels the South/South-East contract, and there is little doubt that the companies which already have the resources must do so, is now having studies made as

best location for its new studios. There is a small one at Dover and there are technical, geographical and social factors to think about. And it is going much, no one knows. Studies have also been set up to look at these matters; little more than three months are left to get applications in.

Mr Copplestone estimates an additional population to be served of about 500,000—and with that kind of figure you can start taking a hard look at your advertising rate-card, just as a newspaper does when it puts on

This is precisely what is not going to happen in the Midlands: no more people, extra lands: no more people, extra studios to be set up, probably at Nottingham, where ATV altready uses the Theatra Royal, and a whopping £9m subscription to pay towards the fourth channel. Lord Windlesham, managing director of ATV, is upperturbed.

He would, he says, he interested to know how anyone else can take over the Midlands area when ATV have the facilities and the backing that now exist. "I think it is probably thumbs down to any ideas from producers or entrepreneurs sbout this area. They were only interested in the East Midlands and were coming with financial backing from Leeds."

Can any David challenge such a Goliath, a company that produces expensive Palladium shows for the network, the high cost Pilger programmes and has documentary teams in India and Latin America? It cerand Lann America? It certainly seems unlikely; and it also seems unlikely that areas like HTV or Southern will be required to produce programmes for the network, although Southern does talk about "possible" networking.

The Midlands franchise will, Lord Windlesham thinks, be easily the most expensive to operate. And that alone rules out all opposition.

So, not a dramatic solution in the Midlands, as the IBA concedes. The arrangement will maintain it as one of the main regional sources of high-quality programmes for the whole ITV network. It also means the status quo so far as the con-trolling hand is concerned, unless an already successful company is to be put out of business.

For something entirely different, then, the viewer is prob-ably going to have to look beyond the next lot of franchises to the fourth channel, or the second as ITV chiefs have it.

The Government's Broadcasting Bill, now imminent, will give us a few more clues as well as giving legitimacy to the next stage in the life of inde-pendent television.

> Kenneth · Gosting

Law Report January 29 1980

ages was based on missance, or alternatively on derogation from grant. The furthest that the borough council went in taking positive action to recognize the occupation of the gypsies was to provide skips for rubbish to ameliorate the missance. The real state was the occupant of the taken of taken of the taken of the taken of taken of taken of the taken of taken

issue was the extent of liability where the landowner had not

poses which caused a misance to his neighbour to take steps to prevent use for such purposes. The principles, established in Sedicigh-Denfield v O'Callaghan ([1940] AC 880), were that an occupier of land was hable for the acts of a tresposser causing nuisance if he continued or adopted the nuisance; that

knowledge or presumed knowledge of its existence he failed to take reasonable steps, though with ample time, to bring it to an end; that he "adopted" it if he made any use of the matter constituting the miseasce, and that there was

The law had been seveloned in Golman v Hargrave ([1967] AC 645) and Leakey v National Trust ([1980] 2 WLR 65) to cover hazards arising from natural causes. In the former it was implicit that

ards arising from natural cases. In the former it was implicit that one must take one's neighbour as one found him. The council doubtless had the resources to obtain and enforce an order for possession, but it would be unjust to hold them liable, without considering the reasons which motivated them not to do so. Their main reason was the absence of elements of the Envisonment not to move gypsies needlessly, and from the county council.

The borough council, however, had power, under section 24 of the Caravan Sites and Council of Development Act, 1960, to provide altes, but had not considered that possibility. It was not reasonable to take five years to find a solution. If the will had been there from the start a year would have sufficed:

from the start a year would have sufficed.

The council were liable for any loss suffered due to the presence of the gypsies out the estate as from January 1, 1975. What the council did was to adopt the misance. By not taking steps to move the gypsies the council were enabled to contain the gypsy problem during the five years before the solution was found.

Azorney General v Stones ([1895] 12 TLR 76) showed that Page Motors could not themselves have acted against the gypsies.

His Lordship was glad that the law permitted him to come to a just solution. Where, as here, the nuisance resulted from a problem, local if not national, it would seem wrong if the plaintiff had to bear the whole loss caused by the delay in finding an acceptable solution. It was feir that the burden be shared—as it would be by an award of damages against the council—by the whole body of ratepayers on whose behalf the council were acting when they decided not to evict the typsies without first allowing time for the working out of the democratic process.

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Chancery Division

# Council liable for gypsy nuisance

hasty decision until they had considered and evaluated all other possible courses.

Page Motors' claim for damages was based on misance, or alternatively on decisions. Page Motors Ltd v Epsom and Ewell Borough Council Before Mr Justice Balcombe, sit-ting as an additional Chancery judge.

Epsom and Ewell Borough Council were held liable for any loss suffered by Page Motors Ltd due to the presence of gypsies on the Nonsuch Estate as from January 1, 1975. His Lordship directing an inquiry as to what damage, if any, had been suffered, said that it was not reasonable for the council to have taken five years to find a solution, and that if an alternative site had been provided within the borough the problem could have been solved within a year. Epsom and Ewell Borough

within a year.

Mr T. L. G. Cullen, QC, and
Miss Hazel Williamson for Page
Motors; Mr Konrad Schiemann
and Mr Nicholas Huskinson for the council.
HIS LORDSHIP said that in

July, 1973, the council agreed to grant Page Motors, a family com-pany, a 99-year lease of 1.96 acres pany, a 99-year lease of 1.96 acres on the estate, the company agreeing to erect certain industrial buildings from which they could carry on their business of sale and repair of motor cars. The cost of the buildings was £180,000. A lease was granted at a rent of £14,112 a year for the first 11 years from February, 1974, and thereafter at a rent to be agreed. At first there were a few gypsy carvants on the estate, and their presence was known to the council. Under Part II of the Caravan Sites Act, 1968, Surrey Council had a statutory duty to provide adequate sites for gypsies residing in or resorting to the area, but in November, 1973, there was no such site in the borough

was no such site in the borough council's area. From 1974 the number of gypsy caravans increased rapidly, reaching a maximum of 74 in 1977. The caravans increased rapidly, reaching a maximum of 74 in 1977. The behaviour of the gypsies of which Page Motors complained included burning rubber tyres, causing acrid smoke, obstructing access, failing to comrol dogs with the result that customers were stracked, etc. Their presence assaulted all the senses. His Lordship found that the matters of complaint were fully established: Customers became afraid to come, and suppliers refused to deliver goods. The inference was irresistible that a large part of a drop in turnover was attributable to their presence. Orders were obtained for possession, but none was enforced, sometimes because the county council persuaded the borough council not to, since to have done so would simply have transferred the problem elsewhere.

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In January 1975, the county council asked the borough council to reconsider their decision that no official sites could be provided within the borough. In June 1975, the borough council abandoned their attitude. Eventually in 1978, after a variety of negotiations and discussions, two temporary sites were established with the necessary facilities, and were completed and occupied by nominated families. The gypsy representatives kept their word and the surplus unauthorised caravans left the borough. Since October, 1978, Page Motors had had no further cause for complaint.

His Lordship accepted Mr Schiemam's submission that it did not suffice, with hindeight, to say that the situation achieved in 1978 could equally well have been achieved in 1974 and that therefore the borough council had not taken all reasonable steps. The problem had to be considered as it faced the council throughout the period.

His Lordship also accepted that

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cratic process.

It was unnecessary to decide the question of derogation from grant, which his Lordship was not persuaded should extend to what had happened in the present case.

An inquiry would be ordered into what damage, if any, Page Motors had sustained. It did not be a substitute of the contract follow that their drop in turnover the council were subject to constraints to which an ordinary landowner was not subject. They had
to act, and he seen to act, in
a democratic manner, taking due
account of the wishes of the electorate, and not rushing into a

It was unnecessary to decide the

Court of Appeal

# Time limit for unfair dismissal claims

Riley v Tesco Stores Ltd and Another Before Lord Justice Stephenson, Lord Justice Waller and Dame Elizabeth Lane [Judgmeuts delivered January 28]

The question whether it is resonably practicable to present a claim for unfair dismissal within three months is a question of fact for the industrial tributal to decide. Where the Citizens Advice Bureau acted as adviser when conbutted by an applicant about a claim for unfair dismissal, and as a result of her understanding of their advice the claim was presented out of time, the applicant could not say that it was not reasonable practicable to have made souably practicable to have made the claim in time. Industrial tribunals should consider whether they ought to give third parties an opportunity of answering what was said about them in their absence.

was said about them in their absence.

The Court of Appeal dismissed an appeal by Mrs. Josephine Riley from the dismissa; by the Employment Appeal Tribunal (Mr Justice Stynn presiding). (The Times November 13, 1978; [1979] ICR 223) of her appeal from a decision of a London industrial tribunal that it had no juri-diction to hear her complaint of triair dismissal against the employers, Tesco Stores Ltd. The Greater London Citizens Advice Bureau Services Ltd was joined as an appellant before the Appeal Tribunal.

Paragraph 21(4) of Schedule 1 to the Trade Union and Labour Relations Act, 1974, provides: "An industrial tribunal shall not consider a complaint . . . unless it is presented to the tribunal before the end of the period of three months beginning with the effective date of termination or within such further period as the tribunal considers reasonable in a case where it is satisfied that it was not reasonably practicable for the complaint in he presented within the period of three months."

Mr William Gage for Mrs Riley: Mr T. R. A. Morison, QC, and Mr Trevor Allan for the employers; Mr Stephen Sedley for the bureau.

LORD JUSTICE STEPHENSON

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said that he was tempted to go no farther than to say that the appeal was dismissed for the unanimous reasons given by the Employment Appeal Tribunal.

Employment Appeal Tribunal.

The industrial tribunal had had before it evidence on which it could conclude that Mrs Riley had engaged the Citizens Advice Bureau as advisers. Paragraph 21(4) of Schedule I to the Trade Umion and Labour Relations Act, 1974, had long fixed a time limit for presenting complaints to an industrial tribunal, and the power to extend that time arose only if the tribunal was satisfied that it was not reasonably practicable for the complaint to have been presented within three months.

The question whether it was

reasonably practicable to present a complaint within three months was a question of fact for the tribunal, as mentioned by all three members of the Court of Appeal in Wall's Meat Co Ltd v Khan (1979) ICR 52). His Lordship agreed with the judgment of the Master of the Rolls in that case except lusofar as he did not allow for the view of Lord Justice Waller in Porter v Bundridge Ltd [1978] ICR 943, 948-91. The reported cases were helpfully digested in the judgment of Lord Justice Brandon in the Wall's Meat case.

The principles laid down by the majority in Dedman v British Bullding & Engineering Appliances Ltd (1974) 1 WLR 171) still applied to a claim under paragraph 21(4). The extension of the time limit to three months and the insertion of the word "reasonably" before "practicable" had led to the approach of a strict construction: the task of employers would be difficult if there could be a claim for reinstatement months after a dismissal.

Where an employee alleged ignorance of his right or how he should pursue it or was under a mistaken belief, the industrial tribunal should look at the circumstances of his ignorance and belief and any explanation, including advice given to him, whether the delay was reasonable on his or his adviser part. Even if either was at fault or unreasonable it was still reasonably practicable for him to have presented his complaint in time. When considering that matter the industrial tribunal should prefer the test in Norgett v Luton Industrial Conpertive Society Ltd (1976) ICR 442) to that in Union Cartage Co Ltd v Blunden (1977) ICR 420).

There was no significance in the skill of the adviser, although there might be if the employee could rely on it as an excuse for not applying in time. There was cridence in the present case to support the Contention that the Cirizens Advice Bureau had been "engaged" or if they had not bern "engaged" or if they had not bern "engaged".

The present case had brought into the light the need for industrial tribunals to consider whether they should giv

general rule.

Lord Justice Waller delivered a concurring judgment and Dame Elizabeth Lane agreed with both luddments. Judgments.
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# COURT CIRCULAR

January 29: The Lady Susan Hussey has succeeded Mrs John Dugdale as Lady-in-Waiting to The

CLARENCE HOUSE January 29: The Hon Mrs John Mulholland has succeeded Mrs Patrick Campbell Preston as Lady-m-Waiting to Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother.

KENSINGTON PALACE January 29: The Princess Margaret. Countess of Snowdon was present at the Luncheon which was held at the Narional Thentre today for the Presentation of The Evening Standard Drama America. The Lady Anne Tennant was in attendance.

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January 29: Princess Alice,
Duchess of Gloucester, Deputy
Colonel-in-Chief, The
Anglian Regiment this afternoon
received Colonel W. J. Gleadell
on refinquishing command of the
7th (Volunteer) Battalion and 7th (Volunteer) Battalion and Lieutenant-Colonel D. R. Baily on assuming command.

### Birthdays today

Sir Herbert Ashworth, 70; Lord Berustein, 81; Sir Frederick Catherwood, 55; Sir Leslie Farrer, 80; Miss Christina Foyle, 69; Lord Lowry, 61; Sir Foley Newns, 71; Professor A. G. Ogston, 69; Mr Louis Osman, 66; Sir Nikolaus Pevaner, 78,

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The life barony conferred on Dr Donald Coggan, the former Arch-hisbop of Canterbury, has been gazetted by the mane, style and title of Baron Coggan, of Canter-bury and of Sissinghurst in the county of Kent.

Today's engagements

Exhibitions: The Irish Inheritance.
Crafts Council Gallery, 12
Waterioo Place, Westminster, 10 to 5; Bird and Flower
Prims, Japanese Gallery, Kensington Church Street, 10 to 6;
Textile Arts of France, Victoria and Albert Museum, 10 to 5.50;
Greek Folk Art: Rominan Museum, Forest Eill, 10.30 to 6.
Lectures: Bala Laka railway, by P. Miller, Ffestining Railway, by Society, YMCA, Chester, 7.30; "The composer as a libretrist" by Isin Hamilton, Loudon Coliseum, 5t Martin's Lane, 1. "The drawings of Anbrey Beardsley" by Simon Wilson, Tate Gallery 1; "The limits of equality: some comments on Fred Hirsch", by Professor Rail Dahrendorf, Royal Society of Arts, 8 John Adam Street, 6
Craft toy fair, Polka Children's Theatre, 240 The Broadway, Wimbledon, 2 and 3, last day.
Lunchtime music: Dorothy Eschweiler, soprano, Lyn McLarin, flute, John Kirkby, cello, and Jeremy Sands, piano, 5t Olsve, 1.05; organ recital by Richard Townend, 5t Margaret Lothbury, 1.10; organ recital by Graham Bitt, St Bride's, 1.15; Su Lloyd, plano, Holy Sepulchre, 1.15; Memorial service: Sir Stephen McAdden, 5t Margaret's Westminster, 1000.

State, Department of Energy, was host at a luncheon given yester-day at Lancaster House in honour of Sefor Jorga de Morais, Minis-ter of Petroleum, Angola.

Inter-Parliamentary Union
The chairman of the British group,
Inter-Parliamentary Union, Mr
John Page, MP, was host yesterday at a lancheon beld in the
House of Commons in honour of
Dr Rafael Caldera Rodriguez,
president, Inter-Parliamentary

Lady Mayoress

The Lord Mayor and Lady
Mayoress entertained the following guests at luncheon at the
Mansion House yesterday:
The Earl and Countess of Lauderdale,
Mr and Mis L. Burfield, Main Miss
Lin Chin-sheng, Heart Ast, EvershedMartin Mr and Mrs William Fosier,
Mr and Mrs Alex Ramsey and Mr and
Mrs Peter Theobald.

Mobil Oil Company Ltd
Prince and Princess Michael of
Rent attended a dinner held last
night by Mr George Pusack.
Chairman of Mobil Oil Company
Ltd, and Dr Roy Strong, director
of the Victoria and Albert
Museum, to celebrate the launch-

ing of three new gallery guides.

The Prime Minister was host at a dinner held at 10 Downing Street yesterday in honour of Signor Prancesco Cossiga, President of the Council of Ministers, of Italy.

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### Forthcoming. marriages

The Hou J. C. Porritt and Miss S. P. Moore and Miss S. P. Moore
The engagement is announced
between Jeremy, younger son of
Lord and Lady Porritt, and Penny,
daughter of Mr and Mrs J. H.
Moore, of London, Ontario.

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Mr G. D. Arthur and Miss J. C. Erskine
The engagement is announced between Gordon Drake, elder son of Mr and Mrs Allan Arthur, of Mount Maskall, Boreham, Essex, and Janer Cicely, eldest daughter of the Hon David and Mrs Erskine, of Felshan House, Bury St Edmunds, Sulfolk.

Edmunds, Suffolk.
Captain J. R. Adderley, RHA, and Miss R. J. Tooley
The engagement is announced between John, son of Lieutemant-Colonel C. M. Adderley, MVO, and Mrs Adderley, of Chinnor.
Oxfordshire, and Rachel, youngest daughter of Sir John Tooley, of Ashbury, Oxfordshire, and Mrs Brian Ball-Greene, of Cadmore End, Buckinghamshire.

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Mr R, F, Blackburn
and Miss H, C, Davies
The engagement is announced and
the marriage will take place in
August between Richard Figh,
only son of Mr and Mrs William
Blackburn, of Prince of Wales
Mansions, Harrogate, and Helen
Claire, twin daughter of Mr and
Mrs Edward Davies, of Creskeld
Drive, Bramhope.

Mr W, A, Coltman

Mr W. A. Coltman and Miss C. E. Shaw and Mass C. E. Shaw The engagement is announced between William Arthur, younger son of Dr and Mrs J. B. Cott-man, of Aysgarth, north York-shire, and Caroline Elizabeth, only daughter of Mr and Mrs G. Shaw, of Rainford, Merseyside.

Mr R, J. Delaney
and Miss M. E. B. James
The engagement is announced
between Roger, son of Mr and Mrs.
C. T. Delaney, of Wilton Roy,
Belgravia, and Marcia, twin daughter of Mr and Mrs. E. A. James,
of Weybridge, Surrey.

Mr C. J. Wright
and Miss J. L. Peters
The engagement is announced
between John, son of Mr and Mrs
S. C. Wright, of Kingsthorne,
Hereford, and laner, daughter of
Mrs D. Peters, of Hampstead,
London.

### Christening

The infant son of Mr and Mrs Richard Edwardes Jones was christened Charles Humphrey by the Rev C. J. Sansbury at the parish church of Long Melford, Suffolk. on Sunday, Jenuary 27. The godparents are Mr Robin Dawson. Mr Peter Wardsworth and Miss Celia Campbell.

Memorial service

Mrs J. T. Foster
A service of thanksgiving for the
life of Mrs J. T. Foster was held
in Chelmstord Cathedral on
January 25. Canon E. A. Finch
officiated, assisted by Canon
E. F. Hudson. Mr J. G. Eve gave
an address an address.

University news

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O'Regan, University College, Cork. Cambridge
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Moory, the Hon Peter Morrison, MP.
gir Gerniat Eune, Sir Charles Forte,
Rir Derda Hamilton, Sir Claus Moser,
Sir Robert Armittons, Sir Claus Moser,
Pailiser, Sir Romaid Arculus, Mr Hugh
Roust, MP, Mr K. Mgriss, MP, Professor
John Hals, Mr D. R. Troworidge, Mr
Inn Gow, MP, Mr Glive Whitmere and
Mr Rosmard Ingham.

The Britain-Australia Society held their annual dinner at Grosvenor House last night in celebration of

Australia Day (January 26) and in support of the Sir Robert Mendes Memorial Trust. Viscount Slim presided, Lord Carrington pro-

Britain-Australia Society

# Mr C. H. D. Speed and Miss C. G. Maurice

The engagement is announced between Charles, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Norman Speed, of Casablanca, Morocco, and Clarissa. daughter of Mr and Mme Fernand Maurice, of St Germain en Laye, Fernand.

Mr T. J. Cottrell and Miss J. Canner

The engagement is announced between Timothy, only son of the late Flight Lieutenant D. Controll and Mr. Betty Cottrell, of Hove, Sussex, and Jane, only daughter of Mr and Mrs G. R. (Charles) Canner, of Sevenoaks, Kent.

Mr M. Petimar and Miss C. Wheeler

The engagement is announced he engagement is announced between Martin, youngest son of Mr and Mrs P. Pettman, of The Cedars, Tenterden, Kent, and Carol, younger daughter of Mr Michael Wheeler, QC, and Mrs Wheeler, of 114 Hallam Street, London, W1.

Mr A. G. K. Hamilton and Miss F. E. M. C. Millet

The engagement is announced between Gordon, son of Mr and Mrs A. H. K. Hamilton, of Walton-on-Thames, Surrey, and France, younger daughter of Mrs E. M. Millet, of Crail, Fife, and of M P. L. Millet, of Paris.

Marriages

Major M. F. Guest and Mrs E. N. Sealey The marriage of Major Michael Guest and Mrs Eileen Sealey took place quietly at Winchester on Saturday, January 26, and was bicssed by Canon Leslie Lloyd Rees in the Chapel of St Cross Hospital.

Dr F. Jellett and Miss D. A. Coggin The martlage took place le London on January 26 between Dr Francis Jellett, son of the late Dr J. H. Jellett and of Mrs F. S. Jellett, of Southampton, and Miss Deborah Anne Coggin, daughter of Mr and Mrs G. C. Coggin, of Mobile, Alabama, United States.

Mr A. Smith and Miss E. M. Lany! The marriage took place at Hamp-stead parish church on January 12 between Mr Alan Smith and Miss Eva M. Lanyi.

# Latest wills

Half of residue for trust

Mr Joseph Reginald Armitage Smith, of Rugby, former Assistant Master at Rugby School, left £263,336 net. After personal and other bequests, he left half the residue to the Rokeby Charitable Trust, 15 per cent to the National Trust and 10 per cent to the National Art Collections Fund. Other estates include (net, before tax; tax not disclosed):

Adams. Mr Norman Reginald. of

Adams, Mr Norman Reginald, of Kilburn Park, London, company director £241,847 director £241,847
Chapman, Mr William Horace, of Ashtead, intestate £123,029
Eckersley, Mrs Lilian Isabella, of Northwood £150,535 Northwood ... £130,355 Griew, Mrs Diana, of Highgate £171,637

Figil, Mr William Stanley, of Hall, Mr William States, Uttoxeter, Intestate . £150,442 | Hool, Mr Bertram Stable, of Ulverston, farmer . £352,780 | John, Mr Howell Thomas, of Beth, £133,142 | Stabley, Stabley, Stabley, E133,142 John, Mr Howeld Stangeon £133,142
Lewis, Mr Cyril Herbert Stanley, of Hammerstaith £159,178
Postlethwaite, Miss Elennor, of £149,862



White's armoury, Covent Garden, yesterday on a replica of the Imperial State Crown being made for an American company.

# £28,000 paid for panel of embroidery

By Geraldine Norman', Sale Room Correspondent

One of the highest prices ever one of the highest prices ever recorded at auction for embroiders was paid at Christie's South Kenslington yesterday when a steel grey satin panel of applique, with figures and strapwork in yellow. sold for £28,000 (estimate £2,000 to £5,000).

The panel measures about 4(t by 5ft and dates from about 1560, It is characteristically mannerist

It is characteristically mannerist in inspiration, with a dense geometric pattern of putil with musical instruments, harpies, dogs, butterflies, grotesques and fabulous beasts.

The yellow sain figures are backed with paper to give a three-dimensional effect and their muscles have even been embroidered in. Christie's had been worried by its frugile condition and had not expected such a high price; however, several museum, were interested and the successful buyer was the Fondation Abegs, a textile museum at Riggisberg

American banker and collector J. Pierpon: Morgan. The collection was sent for sale by Mrs Burn's granddaughter, the Hon Mrs John Mulholland.

At Phillips's the efforts of the Chelses Arts Club to put its finances in order provided some of the most interesting works in a sale of impressionist and modern

The auction of textiles and emhroldery was well attended and several museums had sent agents. The Victoria and Albert Spent £300 (estimate £150 to £250) on

£300 (estimate £150 to £250) on part of a sixtuenth-century Spanish crimson velvet chasuble embroidered with skulls and strapwork in coloured silks, gold and silver thread. A 15in square raised-work panel from a seventeenth-century Lord Chancellor's purse, incorporating the English ruyal arms, made £2,000 (estimate £2,000 to £3,000) to a private collector. The sale totalled £59,778, with 8 per cent unsold.

At Phillips's the efforts of the

Barrow-in-Furness . £149,862 a textile museum at Riggisberg pictures and sculpture. An oil Jervols, Mrs Daphne Riida, of Winchester . . £144,472 in Switzerland. The panel was part of an emission of the Stella Marguerite, of Weybridge . £169,946 Waiter Burns, a sister of the £10,000 to the Fine Art Society

# Science report

# Genetics: Age and chromosomes

By the Staff of Nature For some time it has been recogpized that a woman's chances of conceiving an embryo with too many chromosomes increases after the age of 35. Now reports from several countries are showing that younger women, mostly under 25 are more likely than others to conceive embryos lacking a

presided. Lord Carrington proposed the toast to Australia to which Mrs Peter Henderson replied. The Lord Mayor of London, who was accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, and Mr Harold Macmillan, OM, also spoke. The other guests included:

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The embryos in question lack one of the two sex chromosomes, and instead of having two X chromosomes or one X and one Y, they have just one X, and are known as 45 XO embryos. Although the rest of their 44 chromosomes are present, the lack of X or Y is sufficient in most cases to prevent normal development. As usual with chromosomal abnormalities, most XO conceptions end in spontaneous abortion before full term. before full term.

stature and incomplete sexual development. But in both cases have succeeded with 714 specionly a very small proportion of conceptions survive.

The new results pointing to a link between young maternal age and XO conceptions are coming from large-scale surveys of the

chromosomes of spontaneous abordous. They have not been concerned with the few XO con-ceptions that survive to birth and are in any case thought to originate in a slightly different Dr D. Warburton and her col-

They have found that the inci-dence of XO spontaneous abor-

dence of XO spontaneous abortions is four times greater among women under 25 than among older women. They know that neither the age of the father nor the number of provious pregnancies can explain their results.

Clearly, XO conceptious seem to be associated with a young maternal age, although it is by no means obvious how the link arises.

Further evidence of the link is coming from similar studies being

were intricate compositions of Londoners engaged in work or recreation, under such titles as "The Cher". "Sun Bathing", "Primrose Hill", "The Chess Players" and "The Bout Pond". Even when the titles alluded to the past, as in "The Garden of Edm" and "The Prodigal Departs"—an enchanting picture with great variety Dr D. Warburton and her colleagues at Columbia University, New York City, report their results so far in this week's Lamcet. Since April, 1974, they have been following the outcome of pregoancies at three hospitals in Manhattan, and have identified about 4,000 which ended in spontaneous abortion. Wherever possible they collected the aborted specimen and cultured a sample of cells to establish the chromosome communition.

For the tree evidence of the link is coming from similar studies being from similar studies being from similar studies being coming from similar studies being ing picture with great variety of character in the heads and The best known of such abnormalities that can be compatible with survival are an extra dose of chromosome number 21, the cause of Down's syndrome, and XO itself, resaiding in Turner's syndrome, characterized by short transport to grow in the laboratory.

Taneous abortion. Wherever possible they collected the aborted one points ever survive to birth, with the rest becoming what the commitmion.

Such specimens are often in a poor condition, and may be very syndrome, characterized by short gestures of the group sur-rounding the bewildered young man—the personalities repre-sented were still Londoners of the "gawbliney" type, whose raucous voices seemed to resound through the canvas. Where these pictures differed from the usual representations

# Architecture report

# The little things that still matter

school.

A Methodist church adjoins the building and the complex (for it is that) is within a district centre that includes shoot flore that includes shops, flats, a doctor's surgery and old people's housing. In short it is a key build-ing for the dew district of North-lands which is planned to grow to a population of 10,000 within five

years.

The first peculiarity, symptomade of the times, is that such a focal building for such a large development should be designed in such an unasservive manner. A building with this function in the central area: of a new district might have had, one would have thought, the same motumental

might have had, one would have thought, the same monumental impact that its equivalent — the parish church—would have had in medieval days.

Not so. The concept of the "necessary monument," is out of fashion, killed by the poor monumentality of buildings which did not deserve that role.

being developed includes complex heat recovery machinery. A hullding under construction,

the centre.
In this case, the energy con-

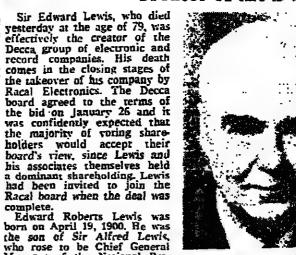
be constructed.

Both approaches will have their supporters, and both — sooner or later — will be assessed for relative performance in both educative performance in both educative tional and energy-saving terms. The results will make interesting

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### SIR EDWARD LEWIS Creator of the Decca group



Manager of the National Pro-vincial Bank, and was educated at Rugby School and Trinity College, Cambridge. While still in his middle twenties he started his own Stock Exchange firm (which cell continues with whom he chose) broug to the record side of to the record side of the business. "It's no use arguing with the public about what it wants" was his motto. He always felt a particular sentimental debt to Bing Crosby, whose record contract he acquired when he bought Brunswick. (The only real mistake came later, when Decca after an audition turned down the Beaties!)

Meanwhile the company, firm (which still continues, with his son as senior partner, under its original ride of E. R. Lewis & Co). Though he remained a member of the Stock Exchange and participated in the affairs of the firm, the whole course of his business life was changed by the fact that his firm sponsored the public share issue of the Decca Record Company in 1928 and a further issue in 1929. In 1930 the company cor into financial difficulties, its

bankers threatened to foreclose and at one time it acrually had its relephones cut off.
At that point Lewis, after a At that point Lewis, after a few months' tussle with the Board, took effective control and joined the Board himself. Though he had intended to stay on the Board only a few months, he gradually took the running of the business into his own hands. In 1933 the company was short of months again. own hands, in 1933 the company was short of money again, after buying the Brunswick company, and an offer of new shares to shareholders produced only £23,000 out of an offer of £120,000. Lewis and his family and friends took up the rest of this issue page without conthis issue—not without con-siderable family hardship in the

process of finding the money.

From that point the business
prospered under Lewis's direction. "Ted" Lewis had an
eye and an ear for popular

in Roberts's earlier work, was

that this was a comment on the mechanical tendency of modern life, but it is more

likely to have been an artistic

expedient for convenience is composition, and that the Florentine masters, Negro sculpture, Cubism and Vorti-

cism all played some part in deciding it. At any rate Roberts was a striking instance of the

benefit to the artist of the discipline afforded by extreme

simplification on geometrical

lines. In his later work Roberts

receded somewhat from his

tubular forms, but there always remained a reminder of

the cylinder, the sphere or the cone. Roberts did not proceed to the later experiments of Cubism in the decomposition



record artists, and his choices (and those of the staff men whom he chose) brought riches

Meanwhile the company, which for a time had been conhundred employees, grew to a point where its payroll exceeded 10.000.

It was only during the pust two years that Decca fell on hard times. The collapse of its consumer business pushed the company into heavy borrowings. This month it announced the sale of the bulk of its record business to the German-Dutch Polygram company.
Decca, however, remained one
of the world's leading manufacturers of radar and marine
navigation equipment.

private enterprise system, comperition and the profit motive. Always cheerful and unruffled, and by nature a "good mixer", he maintained an informal and friendly relationship with his Decca colleagues at all levels, and in some respects his manner of conducting the group's affairs was unusual by the standards of most big public companies. Though he was for practical purposes the chief executive from 1987 ouwards, he gave himself no official position except that of a member of the Board until 1957, when he assumed the chairmanship. He never took a salary or a penny for expenses (even for his frequent gavels to all parts of the world on the company's business). He never claimed or set out to be a technical expert, but sucessfully supervised and coordinated the work of many outstanding technical men, and his achievements in this field were recognized by the award in 1967 of nized by the award in 1967 of the Gold Albert Medal of the Royal Society of Arts for services to the development of

Lewis was a fervent believer in those twin pillars of the

electronics. He was knighted in In private, his mode of living was modest for a person who had acquired (at any rate before which for a time had been concerned only with records, gramophones and radio, launched into more specialized technical fields, notably into air and sea radar and navigational equipment, including the famous Decca Navigator, which was developed from navigation systems used to control the sides of its business expanding steadily. Decca, which had started in 1928 with only a few hundred employees, grew to a special interest was tricker: Is special interest was cricket: he would never miss watching a test match when he could spare the time.

He married in 1923 Marv Margaret (\* Maisie \*) Hutton, who died in 1958. In 1973 ha married Jesnie Smith, There were two sons of the first marriage, but one was drowned while still at Rugby School when trying to rescue a boy at the Rugby Boys Clubs summer comp. The other is a senior partner in the Stock Exchange firm of E. R. Lewis & Co.

### MR WILLIAM ROBERTS

Mr William Roberts, the were racy in character, and a distinguished painter, died on fair general description of them though he made little attempt to develop it in an atmospheric direction his colour, if harsh in

It was not without signifi-cance that Roberts was the son of a carpenter, because a the reduction of the human figure to a series of tubular forms. It has been suggested workmanlike firmness of construction was characteristic of all he did. He was born in London on June 5, 1895. At the age of sixteen he won an LCC age of sixteen he won an LCC scholarship in drawing which enabled him to go to the Slade School, where he studied for three years and became an excellent draughtsman. Then after working for a while under Roger Fry in the Omega Workshops he joined the Vorticist Group under the leadership of Wyndham Lewis, but though he accepted the general principles accepted the general principles of Vorticism as put forward in Blast and signed the Vorticist manifesto he does not seem to Cézanne's remark that the have been much interested in aesthetic theories. forms of nature approximate to

Cubism in the decomposition and superimposition of forms, but contented himself with its gains in solidity.

On the psychological side a constant and increasing character in the work of Roberts was a sardonic Cockney humour. He might almost be said to have made Phil May solid, or even to have mechanized Rowlandson. His most typical works were intricate compositions of Londoners engaged in work or his manner of simplification and his rather grim feeling for character were well suited to what he saw as official war artist. Such pictures as "Hoist-ing Camouflage", with its effect of frantic haste and emphasis upon the corrugated folds of upon the corrugated roles or canyas and uniforms, and the large painting of "Gas Attack", representing the first use of gas against a Canadian division, made for the Canadian War Memorial, are eloquent of both the horrors of modern warfare and the modern war and the harsh nature of its equipment and surroundings. But the First World War, though it may have intensified

though it may have intensified this rather sceptical and ironical attitude to life, left no permanent traces in his work in either subject or style. The relaxation of his forms after the war — a good instance of the truth of Wyndham Lewis's prediction that "a great deal of effort will automatically flow back into more natural forms from the barriers of the Abstract" — was accompanied by a great gain in human interest of the kind described.

Under his armour of geometry, to put it that way,

of similar subject matter was Under his armour of geothat they were constructive metry, to put it that way, rather than descriptive or illustrative. They were as interesting in design as they draughtsman and composer, ex-

# accord with his subjects, was generally well balanced. His portraits which, though firmly simplified, were more realistic than his subject pictures, had a

deservedly high reputation. Roberts is well represented at the Imperial War Museum and in the Canadian War Memorial. The Tate Gallery has his "The Char", presented by Lord, then Sir Joseph, Duven in 1926, and his self-portrait,

acquired in 1940. The abilities of Roberts as a ne aminos of Roberts as a portrait pointer were officially recognized, and in 1940 he was selected by the Artists' Advisory Committee of the Ministry of Information to pulot the portrait of Major-General McNaughton, GOC, Canadian Forces.

aesthetic theories.

It was the war of 1914-1918 that gave Roberts an opportunity to prove his mettle. Both his manner of simplification and his rather grim feeling for character were well suited to what he saw as official war.

Works of his were purchased by the Contemporary Art Society, and he was eagerly acquired by the more enlightened private collectors. He exhibited in the period between the wars at the London Artists's an according to the content of the wars at the London Artists's an opportunity to prove his mettle and private collectors. Works of his were purchased Association, while it lasted, the New English Art Club and the London Group, all of which bodies he was a member, and bodies he was a member, and in recent years also exhibited at the Royal Academy, being elected ARA in 1958 and RA in 1966. One-man shows of his work were held at the Cooling, Lefevre and Leicester Galleriea. At his Lefevre Gallery Exhibition in 1938, an interesting light was thrown upon his thorough methods by the inclusion with finished paintings of preliminary studies for ings of preliminary studies for them, both drawings and watercolours. A one-man exhibition at the Leicester Galleries in 1957 showed both portraits and examples of his favoured genro in water colour executed with unflagging interest in the London scens. One of the best of his later works which drew much attention in the Academy of 1959 was his "Trooping the Colour", the disciplined rigidity of subject matching that of style.

A retrospective exhibition was held at the Tate Gallery in 1965 and he continued to exhibit at the Royal Academy right up to last year.

# MR JIMMY DURANTE

Mr Jimmy Durante, the film and stage comedian, who was celebrated for his Cyrano de Bergerac nose and explosive non-stop patter, died in Lus Angeles yesterday at the age of

The coming of sound in the cinema made some reputations and destroyed omers. Players with stage experience enjoyed a considerable advantage; those like Durante who had a visual appeal as well as a natural gift for talking were immediately successful. The sound era ushered in the "wisecrack" the American-style epigram, delivered fast. Jimmy Durante, an effervescent and rehement little man with a becoming line in malapropisms, was ideally suited to the early sound films. Indeed he had much in common with his distinguished contemporary. Walt Disney's Doneld Duck. Both protested loudly and eloquently; both endured fearful spasms of

frustration.

Jimmy Durante — or
"Schnozzle" Durante as he was

sound films, Roadhouse Nights, in 1929, Previously he had appeared on Broadway in Show Girl, and for the next decade he was to be seen regularly on the stage in New York and in the cinema. He was first seen in London at the Palladium in June 1936, as a single turn in a variety act.
His first real success in the

cinema was with William Haines in Get Rick Quick Wallingford in 1931, and soon afterwards he gove valuable support to Buster Keaton in The Passionate Plumber, in which, indeed, he rather stole the picture from the lugubrious star. Thereafter he continued to be one of those invaluable supporting players whom Hollywood had such a talent for discovering, and whose work so often helped to holster up a story that was otherwise weak or lacking in humour. The screen was never either dull or static while Durante was appearing for it was his habit to take every part he pleyed "Schnozzle" Durante as he was destined to be known on account of his remarkable if it was only rehemence. In olfactory organ—was born on the 1950s he became a well-the East Side, New York, on known television personality February 19, 1893. He was the while continuing with occasional son of a barber, and worked in appearances in the cinema. He bis father's saloon before was at all times a warm-becoming a photo-engraver, a hearted and endearing comedance-band pianist and a dance-band organizer. Then he formed from the golden era of the a vaudeville trio of Clayton, music-hall; and his big nose before and Durante who was his former he never tired

### **ACM SIR GEORGE** PIRIE

Alr Marshal Sir Thomas W.

Elmhirst writes:
May I add to your excellent tribute to George Pirie. We were students together at the RAF Staff College in 1925. He passed out very near the top and among his pursuits between among his pursuits between lectures was giving me "dual" and passing me our "solo" on a World War I Bristol Fighter, (I had previously only piloted airships and flying boats!).

As you said George Pirie made his name as Tedder's Administrative officer in the Miesell Company of dle East Command in 1941-42. I was lucky enough to have hips at my back both then and in 1944-45 when he was Director-General of Organization at the Air Ministry and I, in both periods, was head of Air Force Administration in the field. He was one of the few senior staff officers who, in war, if he had your confidence would give approval to an urgent request on the telephone without the delay of referring it to Higher Authority, though he might say "let us have a follow up in writing". A week after VE day in 1943

was over from Germany to discuss with him the demobilization scheme. I saw a large file at his elbow and enquired. He said he had just signed a minute authorizing the purchase of the vegetable fields alongside the Bath Road at Jackson and Durante, who was his fortune—he never tired Heathrow for the site of the appeared in one of the earliest of extolling it.

future London airport!

ing in the sea.

the Council of Ministers, they can they can be seen of the council 25 years ago From The Times of Saturday, Jan 29, 1955 Formosa crisis

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Dinners 1 4 1

From Our Own Correspondent Washington, Jan 28.—President Eisenhower's assurance that in the last resort he alone would send the Seventh Fleet into action to defend formosa has had its rallying influence on the Senare which is expected to vote him full powers before the week is out. The tenseness of these past days will be somewhat relieved by the President's intention of flying tomorrow to his golf club at Augusta, Georgia, which is just within the two-hour Hmit he had imposed on his movements from Washington... The formosa debate both in and outside. Congress has ton. The Formosa debate both in and outside Congress has reached the point of surfeit. If it has proved anything, it is the country's strong aversion, with a few individual exceptions, to war with China or to any part in Nationalist adventures. Indeed the apparent determination to defend Formosa and the Pescadores, the main prerequisite of General Eisenhower's proposals has tended to be overshadowed by the implications of his unspecified request to intervene against chinese Connone of his unspecified request to intervene against Chinese Communist threats in closely related localities; and his move is given the overwhelming justification of being a strong detertent to war.

Boy's bravery award Simon Hall, aged 16. of Robin Hood's Bay, North Yorkshire, has been awarded the Royal National Life-boat Institution's bronze bravery medal for the rescue of another teenage boy from drowning in the san

# County Surveyors' Society Mr Norman Fowler, Minister of Transport, was the guest of honour at the annual dinner of the County Surveyors' Society held at the Royal Automobile Club yesterday. Colonel G. A. Leech, president, County Surveyor of North Yorkshire County Council, was in the chair. Among others present were: Sir Gervas Walker, Sir Godfrey Taylor, Sir Peter Baldwin, Colonel R. of the Association of County Policy and the Association of County Policy Polic Ministry gives decoys for

Brent geese

County Surveyors' Society

Twenty-one plastic decoy geese have been provided by the Ministry of Agriculture to lure Wild Brent geese from the Soviet Union away from eating winner corn crops by the shores of Chichester harbour in Sussex.

The decoys have been put out on a large mown field on Thorney Island, in the harbour.

"We have counted up to 230 Brent geese grazing near the decoys at one time, so the decoys are effective", Mr Tony Prater, of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, said yesterday.

Gray's Inn scholarships

and awards The following scholarships and awards have been announced by Gray's Inn for 1979: Award and prize for 1st class har final pass: David Pannick, Heriford College, Oxford, Mould Scholarship; Mexander Hill-Smith, Pembroks College, Cambridge, Band Scholarship; Stephen Suttle, Oxford, Conference of the College Cambridge, ford. Gallen Award David Railton. Salliel College. Oxford and Macacie Holler Souler Award and Macacie Award and prize for ist class bar (inal pass: Keith Rowley, king's College. London.

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By Charles McKean

When a building looks neat and pleasant, it is amazing the lengths to which the architectrs have to go to justify it. A recently completed school in the Northlands area of Basildon New Town is a good example.

The Pitsca Briscoe School is a low, white building, snaking over its territory like an extended second home. It derives its attraction partly from the tradicional contrast between dark windows and gleaming white walls, partly from the deep caves of the overhanging roof, and partly from its overall neatness, which extends, even, to a hipped gable in true. Dutch barn fashion.

The building combines an infants' school, a small community centre planned with Basildon Development Corporation which and manufactors.

A Methodist church adjoins the roof is pitched to allow access to the ducting in the roof space. Admirable as this is, one cannot help feeling that there is a whiff of the post hoc ergo propter hoc argument. Is it no longer acceptable to committees and to the public that a building should be designed in a delightful way? Is that not a sufficient justifica-

Moreover, what a circuitous route has to be travelled to arrive back at the stage of designing a building as it used to be done without all this intellectualizing.

A seminal book published early in the century was called Little things that matter. The Pitsea Briscoe School contains many of the recommended features—cares. route has to be travelled small windows, pitched roofs—demonstrating, perhaps that small windows, pitched roofs—
demonstrating, perhaps that
those "little things" still matter
60 years later.
A significant point of interest
is how the architects have dealt
with interior lighting, given that
the area of window to wall is
much less than has been normal
in modern schools. The proportion
is 17 per cent, which includes
doors.

Adequate natural lighting has twe perf been achieved by planning each tional at teaching base as a peninsula pro-jecting from the main areas. Thus reading.

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delightfully known as Walton the Gunfleet School, resembles a large single-storey, flat-roofed box, topped by an enormous Crystal Palace-like greenhouse unit over

In this case, the energy con-servation measures become very complicated and the design de-velopment included estimates of solar income obtained from the Cranfield Institute of Technology.

By tackling two completely dif-ferent approaches at once, Essex County Council is demonstrating the importance of not being too dogmatic in how buildings should be constructed.

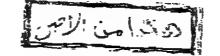
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Why the Welsh are on the warpath, page 21

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### IN BRIEF

# Iran offers redress to nationalized banks

Mr Ali Reza Norbari, Iran's central bank governor, said yesterday that foreign banks will be compensated for their stakes in ventures absorbed into lran's newly nationalized banking system. Compensation will be awarded once the net worth of the banks is worked

The central bank has also cancelled all the licences of linited States banks operating

The governor also stressed that interest on government loans will be paid, aithough linited States banks would have in use funds blocked in the United States banking system.

### Turkey pays debts:

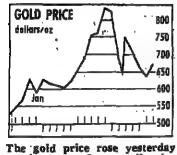
The Turkish Government has The Turkish Government has abnounced in Ankara plans for repayment of nearly \$1,900m (about £844m) of arrears on unguaranteed supplier credits.

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### Gear plant to close

Bors-Warner Corporation says it will close its Letchworth, Hertfordshire, transmission plant and consolidate its British mansmission operations at the Kentig plant in south Wales.

### Oil price lifts gold



on the news of some oil price rises, and closed in London at \$670 an ounce, up \$45 on Mon-

### R-R choose Atlanta

Atlanta is the most likely location for Rolls-Royce's pro-posed United States jet engine assembly plant, says Sir Kenneth Keith, chairman of the for the official opening of Rolls-Royce's first United Stateshased engineering office.

### Midland licence

Shell and the British National Oil Corporation have been awarded a licence to explore and produce oil in the Midlands

### Wall St turnover up

Turnover on the New York Stock Exchange increased to 55,480,000 shares but the Dow Jones industrial average closed slightly down at 874.40.

### \$3,080m deficit

This December the United States has registered its largest monthly trade deficit for 11 months—\$3,080m (about £1,969mt s The defice for all of

# Correction

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The picture which appeared on page 15 yesterday was not of Mr Emile van Lennep, Secretary-General of the Organization for Economic Coopera-tion and Development, but of Mr Max van Lennep. We apolo-

# Alfred Herbert to cut back 700 jobs in 'final fight' for the group's survival

Alfred Herbert, the once-proud flagship of the British machine-tool industry, is to embark on a new reorganization plan, including a cutback of 700 jobs, in what was described yesterday as a final bid for survival.

The group, owned by the National Enterprise Eoard, has been refused further state aid and is now in the grip of a severe cash crisis. The new plan envisages total concentration on production of high technology machine tools and the progressive disposal of remaining activities.

Herbert's forecast losses for 1979 of 11,500,000, a figure exacerbated by last year's en-gineering strikes, are likely to be exceeded. Mr Peter Rippon, the group chairman, said yes-terday that without the re-organization losses for 1980 would be higher.

Two hundred of the redun-

dancies are to occur at the company's main machine tool plant at Edgwick in Covenity at which the new range of advanced machines will be built. About 260 jobs will be lost at the Herbert Tooling and Rod Lane works in Covenny, 100 at Mackadown Lane in Ric-mingham, and 27 m the Her-bert DeVlieg factory at Lutter-

marketing and sales onerations are to be decempa-lized and 104 staff employees at the company's headquarters are to be made redundant.

The redundancies, some of which will start in 30 days' time, will reduce the labour force to 3,800 and mean that, since 1969, the company has cut the number of workers by more than 68 per cent more than 68 per cent.

Mr Rippon, who became chairman last surum, said:

"We can keep going as long as we don't suffer evers repercus-

sions from strikes or disrup-tive action by our own employees. Herbert is not in a position to take chances."
Herbert's latest crisis comes

Decca chief

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Mr Lees (left) and Mr Rippon explaining the Herbert reorganization plan at yesterday's press conference.

markets.

after several years of Govern-ment funding which has failed to produce consistent profitablto produce consistent profitability. Since 1975, the company has received £43m of public money and Mr Rippon said it was told by the NEB ten weeks ago that there would be no more and that the company must be self-financing.

The NEB also said that the company's ratal horrowing facility.

company's total horrowing faci-lity of £16m could not be increased except on a temporary busis to finance redundancies. In 1976, Herbert borrowed Som from the NEB to finance the building of machine tools for stock. Mr Walter Lees, the

for stock. Mr Walter Lees, the chief executive, sold these machines had now been sold but that current stocks of £40m were "f12m too high".

Streamlining of the business is to include disposal of some fringe activities. These include Herbert Sigma, which makes industrial measuring devices. industrial measuring devices and switches, Atritor, which produces pulverizing machines. Herbert Numerical Controls, the Red Lane reconditioning centre and various property assets.

Mr Rippon said the company would consider bids for the DeVlieg and Herbert Tooling operations and gave warning success.

that the Mackadown Lane site may be closed.

The cuts will reduce Herbert's machine tool production capacity by 20-25 per cent and the company is pinning its hopes on a smaller range of machines with sophisticated control systems that it hopes will be ahead of the competi-tion in both home and export

Herbert has spent three years and L2m plus Department of Industry grants, devel oping the new machines.
The first, a £50,000 numerical control lathe called Husky, was issued that year and there are currently orders for 40, of which 20 have been delivered. Two more machines will be introduced this year and another in 1981.

Mr Rippon said the company was intent on attacking growth markets and producing machines that would be commarkets patitive with any in the world. Herbert's soles this year were expected to rise to £70m from £60m last year. The reorganization plan, he added, was "not a palliative to overcome the problems of the past. We believe we have a real chance of

# New consumer credit rules on advertising

Sir Edward Lewis, the chairman of Decca, died yesterday only days after his board had recommended the £70m sale of the company to Racal Elecronics.
Sir Edward, 79, who knew

that he was critically ill, had committed the 17.2 per cent of the ordinary capital owned by himself, his family and related trusts to Racal. Arrangements were made accordingly and his death will not affect the trans-

Racal has already built up a 5 per cent stake in Decca and another 8 per cent of the ordinary shares, currently in Swiss trusts, is likely to support the bid.

The Kuwait Investment group and Prudential Assurance, which between them control a further 17 per cent of the equity, have yet to commit themselves but Racal and its advisers will be holding discussions with them this week.

Ered if the Racal takeover is thwarted by a counter-bid it will still accept Sir Edward's

own and related holdings.

Decca announced yesterday
that Sir Edward's deputy, Mr
Nigel Graham Maw, will take over as chairman.
Following President Carter's announcement that the defence budget is to be increased by \$15.000m and helped by a rechnical position in the market, Racal shares rose 11p

pesterday to 242p, taking Decca fordinary shares 20p higher to 395p and the "A" 12p better to 352p.
At that level the Racal terms value Decca at £70m.

Serious discussions went on between Racal and Decca for about a week before Sir Edward recommended the terms to shareholders last Friday. Obituaries, page 17

Marievale Cos 40c to 400c Morgan Edwards 25p to 103p Sentrust 75c to 700: SA Land 75c to 84tc Wardle 6- 5;p to 34p

due in October

Correspondent

From October 6 advertisements and quotations relation to consumer credit and hire purchase facilities will have to show the total charge for credit expressed as an

annual percentage rate. This requirement, intended to assist consumers in comparing one credit offer with another, is the principal provision in new orders or regulations under the 1974 Consumer Credit Act which were laid

before Parliament yesterday. It will be an offence to convey information in an advertisement offering credit which is in any material sense false or misleading. Advertisements for the supply of goods or services on credit which are not also

available for cash will be baussed. The regulations divide consumer credit edvertisements into three categories. In simple advertisements no indication that credit is available beyond

the name or occupation of the advertiser will be permitted. Intermediate advertisements containing basic information about credit facilities available will also have to state whether security is required and indicate that quotations are available on request. If a cash price is quoted in intermediate advertisements the

annual percentage rate of the total credit charge will also have to be shown. Full advertisements will contain the full range of informa-tion relating to the agreements

offered. For hire purchase it the cash price, the total amount payable on credit terms, the annual percentage rate, the frequency and number of payments, and the amount of the

Quotations for regulated consumer credit agreements will have to disclose all the relevant details, as required in full advertisements.

The regulations will not apply to mortgage leading by local authorities or building societies. Other exemptions include advertisements relating to monthly account credit, in-surance policies on mortgaged properties, and certain consumer hire agreements with statutory undertakings.

An order effective from April 28 adds to the list of agreesions of the Consumer Credit and regulations which Act come into force on the same date alter the method by which the total charge for credit and the annual percentage rate are to be calculated.

The Office of Fair Trading is preparing literature to explain the regulations, which will be available from local authority rading standards departments. A briefing note will be issued by the OFT this week, and those wishing to be placed on the mailing list should write to the OFT, Government Buildings Represent Assure Assures. ings, Bromysrd Avenue, Acton, London, W3 7BB.

There is widespread concern in the credit industry about the effect the new regulations may have. Annual percentage rates that will have to be shown in advertisements would range as high as 1,600 per cent for some short-term unsecured loans cur-rently offered.

# Survey of large investors challenges Stock Exchange reluctance to change practices

By Andrew Goodrick-Clarke Financial Editor Changes in the present struc-ture of the British stock market are inevitable and the Stock Exchange should accept the fact now. This in essence is the most controversial point to emerge from a new survey of 24 institutional investors on the future of the securities industry commissioned by stockbrokers

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At a time when the Stock Exchange is preparing for a long battle to preserve the basic structure of the market intact — including preservation of the single capacity trading system and maintenance of fixed brokerage commissions — the new report threatens to inflame 1 simmering debate.

In about two years' time the Stock Exchange is due to make its case before the Restrictive Practices Court. The attitude of Practices Court. The attitude of institutional investors towards the future structure of the market is considered crucial if the Stock Exchange is to make

The report is not encouraging for the Stock Exchange. Most of the Institutions interviewed by researcher Mr Francis Kinsman doubted whether the fixed commission.

fixed commission structure could remain intact and more than half said they would wel-come controlled change involving a degree of negotiation of brukerage rates.

accountants

Recommendations for radical

chartered accountants are made today in a report from the influential 100 Group of chartered accountants, whose

members are drawn from scalar financial managers in the major London-based industrial and commercial enter-

In their report, "Training and Development of Finance Managers for Industry and Commerce", the 100 Group says that the chartered insti-

tutes should as soon as pos-sible break the monopoly on training held by the firms in

public practice and permit selected companies in industry

and commerce to introduce approved training schemes
The report is the culmination of a year's study by a working party under the chairmanship of Mr Michael Julian, finance director of BICC. It

reflects a growing belief by senior managers in industrial and commercial companies that the traditional practical train-

ing of prospective chartered

accountants as articled clerks with firms in public practice is

an longer relevant to those who move into industry or

commerce after qualifying.
Mr Julian says that the best
answer is the integration of

the accounting profession, whose members ollegiance is

at present split between six different accounting bodies— the Institutes of Chartered Accountable in England and

Wales, in Scotland, and in Ire-land, the Association of Cost

and Management Accountants, the Association of Certified

Accountants, and the Char-tered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy, Pro-

posals for integrating the pro-lession were thrown out by the

chartered accountants in 1970. The 100 Group says that all

or part of these original inte-gration proposals should be revived, although its principal recommendations (for training

with industrial and commercial companies, and for the "streaming" of recruits according to their likely spe-

cialization in public practice or

in industry or commerce) are made in the apparent expec-tation that the appeals for inte-

However, Mr David Richards, of Deloitte Hoskins & Sells and the president of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and

Wales, says that integration is still the policy of the council of the institute and that the

whole issue would be revived if there were signs that a sign

gration will fall on deaf ears. However, Mr Day

By Adrienne Gleeson

that such change would involve cutbacks and redundancies among brokerage houses, it was considered that phased change could enable this to without too much happen

The survey suggested that many institutions thought the present level of Stock Exchange commissions was too high and that the result of negotiation would be to bring down rates to around 80 per cent of those existing at

On the other burning but related issue, that of a move from single to dual capacity trading under which the market would not be divided between stockjobbers and stockbrokers, the survey found that the Stock Exchange would probably lose its case in the court on the ground that there were theo-retically restrictive elements in the Rule Book although they were not actually against the

A long period of uncertainty was inevitable, followed at worst by a rushed decision without room for manoeuvre.
The institutions, while not agreeing with the reference to the court (a decision which was upheld by the present Government), felt that there were

But once again there was a call for gradual change and an appeal to the Stock Ex-change—although it could be expected to hold out until the bitter end—to come up with a strong contingency plan for use in the event that the case was lost. The institutions hoped that their views would be taken into close consideration in the process.

The panel selected for the survey included five insurance companies, four pension funds, four investment trusts, three unit trusts and four merchant hanks. Among them were the Prudential, British Airways Pension Fund, Commercial Union, Hambros and Scottish Widows.

But while the majority appeared to want negotiated commission rates there was resistance to the idea of paying for stockbrokers' research. In the United States, where negotiated commissions were introduced in 1975, a result has been for brokers to "un-bundle" their analytical research and ask investors to pay for something which had previously been included in the

Institutions questioned feared that any sudden shakeout could

review of the entire structure fall and more analysts would desirable. have to be taken on by institu-tions to compensate for this.

There was also strong resistance to the idea of brokers being involved in fund management, although most respondents wanted brokers to expand into diversified finan-cial advisary areas. The mer-chant books interviewed were particularly aggressive on this point. Not only was the com-petitive element unpopular, but there were also suggestions that unnaturally high commissions were subsidizing brokers' fund management businesses.

Some were so strongly opposed to brokers' fund management operations that they were considering breaking off relationships with brokers who were in competition with them, or were contemplating

giving evidence against the Stock Exchange in the Restrictive Practices Court.

Overall the institutions felt that the Stock Exchange's response to the events which invarianced such fundamental change in the securities markets was disappointing. The Stock Exchange Council was felt to be weighted towards the stock-jobbers' point of view (although in fact only four jobbers are on the 46-man council) and not enough consideration was given to institutional investor opinion.

### Gulf states' price rise for crude Big changes urged in is setback for Saudi Arabia training of By Nicholas Hirst crude and left them free to

Energy Correspondent
Saudi Arabia's second attempt

in just over a month to end the pricing disorder in the international oil market failed yesterday as four Gulf producing states raised the cost of their crudes by \$2 a barrel.

A further round of petrol price increases now seems certain, but the size of the rise will

depend on the action taken by the British National Oil Cor-poration, which effectively con-trols the price of half the oil used by United Kingdom

An across-the-board increase of S2 a barrel by all producers would put up to 3p on a gallon of four-star at the pumps. It would be the third rise for most companies since the December meeting of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries in Caracas, Venezuela, failed to fix a unified level for members'

Yesterday's decision by the United Arab Emirates, Kuwait.
Iraq and Qutar, all considered
moderates within Opec, to raise
their prices by \$2 a barrel is a
sharp blow to Saudi Arabia's

pride.
In an attempt to achieve a unified pricing structure at unified pricing structure at Caracas Saudi Arabia raised its prices sharply from \$18 to \$24 before the meeting to try to set a new, higher base level from which the cost of other countries' crudes could be calcu-

That move failed because the militant North African producers of light crudes, Algeria and Libya, demanded the maintenance of a \$5.50 differential from the Saudi Arabian price. which is used traditionally as a benchmark for calculations of quality and freight costs for their own output.

This was unacceptable to the Saudi Arabian delegation Shaikh Ahmedxaki Yanuni, Saudi Arabian Oil Minister, said his country would continue to hold the \$24 price for as long as possible. He predicted a mini-glut of oil developing and the high prices of other countries being The attempt this week by

Saudi Arabia to reestablish a unified structure by increasing Its price from \$24 to \$26 came as a surprise because of Shaik Yamuni's earlier statements.
The immediate leapfrogging—
the United Arab Emirates is
charging \$29.60 for its output backdated to January 1—is like a slap in the face.
Libya and Algeria are now expected to add a further in-

crease to the prices of their own crudes, which, with surcharges in Libya's case, cost up to \$35

# Japanese 'oil envoy' sent to Middle East

Tokyo, Jan 29 The Japanese government has sent Mr Sunawa Sonoda, former

foreign minister, as a special envoy to the Middle East to "ensure a stable supply of Middle Eastern oil" for Japan. According to government sources, the decision to send Mr Sonoda at the moment is designed to secure commitments for long-term supply when the situation is unpredict-

The countries he is scheduled to visit-early in February-are to visit—early in February—are Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Iraq and the United Arab Emirates, which together supply more than 50 per cent of Japan's oil imports. These totalled 280 million tons in 1979, with 75 per cent from the Middle East, and Saudi Arabia alone accountains for the control of t

ing for 28.4 per cent.
Accepting the appointment as special envoy, Mr Sonoda said he would not simply be securing oil, and indicated his interest in visiting Iran, at present the target of economic sanctions from the United States and western allies.

The Japanese government and business community have resisted the American demand for sanctions on the grounds

tons or 9.9 per cent of imports in 1979. The percentage had been higher in 1978, but volume dropped sharply in 1979 after the revolution.

Besides oil, Japanese interests in Irau have committed an estimated total capital of more than 1,000,000m yen, in-cluding a huge 780,000m yen petrochemical complex which is almost complete. Iron issued a strong warning a couple of weeks ago that unless Japan completed the project, final construction would be awarded to on unidentified East European country. The Iranian government also said it would stop oil supplies if Tokyo acceded to the American request for sanctions.

Critics have expressed doubt as to the effect of Mr Sonoda's The proposed visit to Iran

by Mr Sonoda would not be welcomed by the United States, either, the observers noted, It was pointed out that, when Mr Henry Kissinger was United States Secretary of State. America objected to Japanese

# Armitage chief gets £75,000

Mr Kennedy Campbell, chair-man of Armitage Shanks has explained why the board accepted Blue Circle Industries £30m cash and share offer.

In a letter to shareholders he said that although the board believed that Armitage Shanks could continue as a highly successful independent company, the Blue Circle offer represented an outstanding oppor-tunity for Armitage to develop its potential, particularly over seas, where new markets should be opened up.

Mr Campbell will retire when

uncondi-

the offer becomes unconditional, and will receive £75,000 riousl, and will receive £75,000 in cash, his car, valued at £9,000, and he will be sold the freehold of his house for £30,000. Under his service agreement which runs to 1983 Mr Campbell would have received £100,000.

Shareholders who wish to take up Blue Circle's alternative cash and share offer which provides one Blue Circle share plus 258p cash will be able to do so until February 21. The main offer is two Blue Circle involvement in the Middle East. Because of this, Japanese prime ministers who visited other supply countries, did not visit the Middle East.—Reuter.

In the Middle shares for every six Armitage shares, valuing each Armitage share at 91.7p.

Armitage's share price rose visit the Middle East.—Reuter.

# Money flows back to building societies

The threat of a further rise in the mortgage rate was effecthe news that money is starting to flow back into the building societies. Provisional returns show that in January the record interest rates offered to savers were having an effect.

5250m and 5300m is likely to be achieved in January. Such an improvement will be

welcome relief to the societies. After net receipts of £134m likely to enable current in November and £161m in levels to be maintained.

January is usually a better mouth for societies after the rush to withdarw money before Christmas.

If the early returns from the Although it is still below the societies prove correct, they will have weathered the storm and mands for home loans, it is attracted about as much money likely to enable current lending as they did in January last

# PRICE CHANGES

Rises. Bracken Mines 48c to 452c Elsburg Gold 67c to 605c First Castle 5p to 34p Grootylei 60c to 850c Howard & W. 2p to 12p tarn a hate sure.

> 10p to 200p 10p to 280p Ass Book Booker McCon 7p to 453p 2p to 30p Castiefield

18p to 98p Henderson K. 8p to 157p 5p to 220p 5p to 22p 1p to 18p Linfood Manch Liners Rossgill Hidgs Tomkins F. H.

THE POUND Norway Kr 11.43 Portugal Esc 118.00 South Africa Rd 2.00 2,02 27,50 64,00 2,60 12,08 8,30 9,02 3,87 Australia S 1.85 148.00 9.27 3.60 2,24 Spain Pta Sweden Kr 9.67 3.82 2.30 Switzerland Fr USA \$ Yngoslavia Dny 52.00 Finland Mikk

# Excise appeal adds to lingerie company's troubles

VAT fight spoils Rosgill's party

What way of making a living looks as easy as taking sweets with the Commissioners of off a child but is as hard as Customs and Excise. This breeding elephants? If the story of Roszill Holdings is any Pippa-Dee lingerie at parties to added tax tribunal. bored housewives.

In the words of Rosgill's prospectus issued as long ago as 1972 when ludustrial and Commercial Finance Corporaparty in the relaxed atmosphere to 15 per cent last June. of a private house." The idea sounds good but Rosgill's history of mishaps is

had. Inde2d, it can only hope with Lowell that "the mistor-

tunes hardest to bear are those which never come ".

guide, one answer is selling lost last August before a value-The squabble is about the way Rosaill recompenses its hostesses". These women

hold parties, make tea and, it is hoped, sell underwear. tion brought the group to the stock market: "Pippa-Dee sells through the party plan method. This is a form of retail selling men want their VAT which at where customers purchase at a a stroke went from 8 per cent

It mak a lawyer, a businessman and a shop steward only one day to dismiss the excisemen's case, but their appeal, if upheld, could cost Rosgill £97,000 with the costs of the lawyers adding thousands more.

struck down pre-tax profits from 5720,000 to £483,000 in the 28 weeks to December 8, and although the gross interim dividend stays at 1.07p a share. prospects for some months are bleak. Roseill is, incidentally, one of the first retailers to report officially on the run-up to

But Rosgill's mishaps started much earlier. In two of the past 7! years it has lost money, and in three of them paid to divi-dend. Ill-starred diversification played its part, and there have been big changes in merchandise, personnel and top management. The shares fell 5p to 22p on the latest news. The offer for sale which closed on

November 30, 1972 was at \$20. Peter Wainwright

# ATTENTION! CORPORATE AND PERSONAL LESSORS

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cal and Bayer.



# **EIB** lending last year up to £2,048m

The European Investment Bank, the EEC's long term finance institution, rounded off a three-year period of rapid expansion by increasing lending by 40 per cent last year to 0.071 million units of account (£2.048m).

Lending to Britain nearly doubled to £554m from £286m in 1978, lifting Britain's share of EIB financing to 33 per cent from 22 per cent the year

However M Yves le Portz, the bank's chairman has told a press conference in Luxem-hourg that lending in 1980 is likely to grow at a less rapid

### Liaohe Oil output up

Production at the Liaohe oil-field in northeast China has reached five million tonnes of crude oil and 1,700 million cubic metres of gas a year, the l'eking People's Daily reports.

Zimbabwe air service Air Zimbabwe Rhodesia is to start a twice weekly Boeing 707 service to London from April 2. according to Mr Brian Stringer, the chairman of AZR in Salisbury.

### 44.000m franc boost

The Belgian government, trade unions and employers have approved a national atreamlining plan for the steel industry which involves spending 44,000m francs (about 5682m) over the next five years. The unions have agreed to reduce the workforce by several thousand between now and 1990.

### New York solvent

Mr Roger Alman, United States Treasury Assistant Sec-retary, says New York City has met each of its budget goals since Federal credit assistance was first provided in 1975, and is a full year anead of schedule with its fiscul year 1981 projec-tion for a real budget balance.

### Rhodesian mines

Rinodesian mining production could exceed a record figure of SR4CCm (about £270m) for 1930, according to Mr Michael Cawood, the Rhodesian Secre-tary for Mines.

I hope that the results of the year, both in the profit

and in the sales which have been achieved throughout

between 1978 and 1979 made before exceptional

achievement of 1979 was one of consolidation

of our base for the future, rather than a year of

difficulties of two large contracts. Although output of

deliveries of them and some other products which we

had planned. It follows that the profit is not as high as

important part of our turnover had to be taken up with

those Lynx helicopters and hovercraft for which heavy

provisions had been made and from which no profit

concerned have a right to feel that these results show

We have, however, learned some important lessons,

In delivering to time, and to ensure that every part of the

activities. This we will do; and we will be helped by the

Group lives up to the high quality standards for which the

development and of production, to improve our performance

The width of our business and the diversity of its products

is growing as a result of decisions taken in recent years. We

now have to ensure that we reap a proper harvest through

an improvement in efficiency and show their strong

Which have yet to be applied, to reduce the costs of

Group has earned a high reputation on its principal

efficient project management. I know that our Chief

Executive is concentrating much personal effort on

production efficiency and on training at all levels of

During the year we had successes in the helicopter

market. New orders were received from the Royal Navy and

Work on developing the WG.30, a transport version of

the Lynx, has continued on course and a welcome amount

The next stage in the Sea King replacement project, so

relationships with our Italian partner, the Agusta Company.

Organisation for Industrialisation broke down for reasons

Company in Egypt were of such a nature that we shall not

orders on our factories which will be difficult to replace, and

lose money on them. The risk is that we shall lose further

this may affect the level of our activity in 1981 and 1982.

Meanwhile it should be said that we are discussing the

of interest has been shown in many parts of the world.

important to naval capability in the late 80's, and to

We have suffered one major disappointment; the

quite unconnected with Westland or its products. The

initial contracts between ourselves and the A.O.I. and

between ourselves and the Arab British Helicopter

carefully negotiated arrangements with the Arab

helicopter transport generally, is to cement the

from the Federal German Navy and negotiations are at an advanced stage with two overseas customers. We also had

improving climate of industrial relations.

the advantage of good spares orders.

could arise. But, taking the Group as a whole, all

will to succeed.

management.

it could have been. Moreover, it was a year when an

real growth. We have fought our way out of the

helicopters improved, we did not achieve all the

the Group, will give proper encouragement to our

shareholders and our employees. A comparison

items and after interest shows that the

Leading manufacturer stops production in face of high supply costs

# 'Killing' prices halt rubber factory

A depressed market soaring feedstock prices and cheap imports have combined to force International Synthetic Rubber (ISR) to halt ourput of its main product, styrene-butadiene rubber, used mainly in

tyres.
Mr Donald Bennett, the chairman, explained yesterday that production at the company's main plant at Hythe, Hampshire, would not be resumed until suppliers reduced the "killing" prices charged for butadiene. "I am sure we shall get what

want. The suppliers (they include ICI, Bl' Chemicals and Esso Chemical) will see reason", he said. Meanwhile, 100 of the company's 900 workers normally directly involved in rubber production are being employed on maintenance and other rasks. Mr Bennett said that his company was now being asked to pay more than £130 a tonne for butadiene, the main feedstock, against £280 a tonne last year. Yet in the United States, butadiene was being offered by the same suppliers at about £230 a

tonne, before freight charges. Encouraged by this advantage, United States rubber exports to Western Europe have started to climb, from 15,000 tonnes in 1978 to an estimated 25,000 tonnes last year. Present estimates suggest the

This squeeze on market and costs comes at a time when the industry is struggling with the longer-term problems of over-

capacity.

The biggest outlet for synthetic rubbers. whose share of total rubber consumption seems temporarily to have stabilized at about two-thirds, is the tyre industry.

This, however, has undergone a transformation. The radial has replaced the cross-ply. It lasts twice as long and, for technical reasons, uses a slightly higher proportion of natural rubber. Consequently, demand for synthetic rubber has not continued to grow as expected.

Mr Bennett believes styrene-butadiene

rubber capacity in Western Europe is about 1.1 million tonnes a year. Actual consumption over the past three years has, however, remained static at about 1.70,000 every remained the remained static at about 1.70,000 every remained the 670,000 tonnes. Of this, some 150,000 tonnes is imported—a growing proportion of it from the United States.

In Britain, the story is similar. Synthetics account for about 65 per cent of total rubber consumption of around 460,000 tonnes a year. Synthetic rubber capacity (mainly styrene-butadiene, poly-butadiene, butyl and neoprene) is nearly 550,000 tonnes. Mr Bennett believes that,

in recent years, only 60 per cent of the Maintaining balance The industry is dominated by ISR, the European market leader which, at its

Hythe and Grangemouth plants, has a total capacity of 370,000 tonnes. The rest of the market is shared by Revertex, BP Chemicals, Dow Chemicals, Du Pont (United Kingdom), Esso, Chemi-

ISR, a private company, is owned by a consortium comprising the tyre companies Dunlop, Goodyear, Firestone, Univoyal, BTR, Michelin and Ayon. These take a large proportion of ISR's output.

The Hythe styrene-butadiene plant has been operating at only 60 per cent loading, and Mr Benner; said yesterday that he believed some of the consortium might themselves be buying cheap rubber from

ISR made a loss before tax in 1977 of 52.5m, but recovered sufficiently to make a small profit in 1979. Mr. Bennert said that he expected to make a little profit in 1980, if it was not swallowed up in prices paid to feedstock suppliers.

John Huxley

# BL campaign playing down patriotic line

Midlands Industrial

BL's controversial "Buy British" campaign is only two weeks old and already there is evidence of a subtle change in emphasis. Sir Michael Edwardes' direct appeal to motorists for good old-fash-ioned patriotism when buying their next car is now being

Instead BL is introducing the slogan "The Best of British Bonus", with the intention of spotlighting the bonuses available to those who buy "truly British" cars.

A BL spokesman said yester-lay: "Nobody is their right day: "Nobody is their right mind is going to buy products on a patriotic basis alone. But the controversy over an appeal to patriotism persuades motorists to visit our showrooms out of curiosity, they will find that our cars are now far better in quality, contain more extres than many of the imports, are certainly better on fuel consumption and are being sold at very competitive prices.

"Foreign car owners, who went foreign during the early years of the import boom and then did not bother to look at home offering again, are our prime targets."

A £2m national campaign is being backed by local advertis-ing. BL and its dealers will

showrooms. If only a propor-tion of the five million people who drive BL cars can be per suaded to take them it could make quite an impact at little

Incentives are also being offered to dealers to sell as much stock as possible, even if it means accepting a drop in profit margins during the initial stages of the campaign. A four-band incentive points scheme offers dealers a refund

from the factory at the end of the campaign. Each car is given a number of points depending on how well it has been selling. For instance, the Mini is in such demand that it gets a nil points rating. On the other hand, the Marina 1700 gets 10 points and the Princess 30

The payment per point increases as dealers sell more cars and progresses from band one to band four. The top nayment is £5 a point—for each Princes sold in band four; the iesler receives £150.

Dealers and menagement alike are worried about the public's reaction to the company's poor sales performance Mr Brian Ellison, director of

SUMMARY OF

RESULTS

Trading surplus before

exceptional items and

Profit/(Loss) before tax

Profit/(Loss) for the year

Dividends per share

attributable to shareholders

Earnings/(Loss) per 25p share

Middle East countries.

Tumover

The Rt. Hon. Lord Aldington, PC, KCMG, CBE, DSO.

Wadham Stringer's car division, a major BL outlet, said: "For the past couple of weeks we have been enjoying the impact of the Buy British campaign and morale is tremendous. This share the cost of the local campaign with "Drive the Fiag." Edwarder
cor stickers on their way to dealers." is the best thing Micraes Edwardes has ever done for the

Westland Aircraft

Extracts from the Statement by the Chairman,

# New £100 personal computer is unveiled

By Kenneth Owen Technology Editor

Mr Clive Sinclair of Sinclair Research, Cambridge, yesterday unveiled his latest innovation personal microcomputer that sells for just under £100.

This does not include a video display, because the unit plugs into the serial socket of any television set. Neither does it include the conventional cas sette recorder which is used to store and feed in programs, But the basic micro-computer, Mr Sinclair claims, is one-quarter the price of any comparable machine on the

Mr Sinclair is well-known for his pioneering work in the fields of pocket calculators and miniature television, and has a record of technological ingenuity which goes back to a matchbox-sized radio set many yoars ago.

His commercial results have been less enthusiastically re-ceived. Sinclair Radionics, a subsidiary company of the National Enterprise Board — made a pre-tax loss of £1.98m in 1978.

Last August the NEB sold the calculator and existing minia-ture television interests of Sinclair Radionics to Binatone, and Sinclair set up Sinclair Mr Research to pursue development of the microcomputer, a flat-

Year to 30th September

1979

£000

198,160

16,163

15,266

12,263

4.0p

20.7p

considerable problem of the future, including compensation,

undoubted goodwill and understanding; and we have the

No further provisions are considered necessary for the

first Ministry of Defence Lynx contract. We hope to be in a

position by this time next year to bring back something out

of the heavy provisions made in earlier years. Of the total

provisions had been made and which therefore contributed

The second Super 4 hovercraft was delivered on time

throughout the rest of the year. The warranty on the second

position of knowing for certain the total costs of completing this expensive contract and I expect we shall be able to

A large increase in activity by Normalair-Garrett with an

even higher increase in earnings augers well for the carefully

planned and ambitious increase in business now well under

way in control equipment and systems. I congratulate those

responsible for the increase in profit of more than 50% to the

The Westland Technologies Division produced some

good results and some less good, but experience indicates

we are on the right path to better rewards from a wide

As I forecast the Group's cash position remained

comfortable throughout the year. I do not foresee cash

variety of activities, new and old, within the Group.

bring back something over £500,000 from the provisions

made. Work is proceeding according to plan on the new

orders for SRN.6's secured early in the year from two

figure of £4.8m in a year of considerable pressure on

technical and managerial resources.

problems during the current year,

Copies of the Annual Report and Accounts can be obtained from the Company Secretary at Yeovil.

turnover on helicopters during the year under review of

no profit; that means that the profit on helicopter work

throughout the Group of £9m was earned on a turnover

early in May and both Super 4's performed excellently

Super 4 expires in May 1980 and we shall then be in a

£144m, £43m was in respect of contracts for which

with our former partners in this enterprise, people of

proper support from our own Government.

1978

£000

166,577

15,297

(2,859)

(4,731)

1.0p

(8.0p)



Mr Clive Sinclair: The new ZX80 personal computer is the first product to be launched Sinclair Research since its formation last September.

tube television display, a novel form of electric motor and a electronic instrument.

The ZX80 microcomputer announced yesterday is the first product of Sinclair Research. Kit versions will be available next month from Science of Cambridge, another Sinclair company, at £77.95; and com-plete versions should be obtain-able in March at £39.95. Though the early miniature

television models contributed to heavy losses of Sinclain Radionics, work is continuing on the envisaged flat-screen ver-

# Closure of 20 training centres approved

Cuts in the Manpower Services Commission's training schemes, which could mean the closure of up to 20 skill centres and annexes, have been approved in principle.

Despite widespread opposi-tion from Civil Service unions, which urged the commission to defy the Government's instruc-tions to reduce staff, the rationalization of skill centres will

go ahead.

A final decision on which centres are so be closed will be taken in March, when the commission will try to reach its target of shedding 520 em-ployees, many of them instructors at the centres.
Sir Richard O'Brien, commis-

sion chairman, said yesterday: Rationalization is necessary and right. These proposels look But of course it means re-

ducing provision in certain localities and has to be curried out with due care and consideration for everyone affected. The riming is important, too, and that is why we shall be consulting before final decisions."

Consultations will take place with the Scottish and Welsh commissions, district manpower committees and local groups so that closures can be phased to

that closures can be phased to take into account any major redundancies in prospect.

The commission's plans are for 12 complete closures of skill centres or annexes, with another eight closed centres being replaced by new establishments. The commission argues that where centres are not directly replaced there will still be training facilities in the locality. Union leaders say the closures Union leaders say the closures will seriously affect industry, with small businesses which cannot afford in-house training

being particularly hard hit.
They add that some workers
will not be able to afford to travel long distances to their nearest centre, and point out that many of the closures planned are in areas of high unemployment such as south Wales, the west of Scotland and Cumbria.

The list of centres and annexes advanced for possible closure falls into two cate-Units which would be re-

placed by new and reorganized skillcentres: Hillington annexe, Dudley, Enfield skillcentre and annexe, Kidbrook annexe, Pop-lar, Plymouth annexe, Coventry annexe.
Units which would not be

directly replaced but for which alternative provision in the area or region would be available: Skillcentres—Dumbarton, Port Glasgow, Darlington, Llanelli, Amexes—Sheffield, Leeds, Tcl-ford, Tremorfa, Treforest,

By David Felton Labour Reporter

> Sir, I have read with great interest the letter from Professor J. M. Alexander on the subject of engineering education (January 23). I and my colleagues drafted a similar

letter in response to your article. However, we subsequently discovered that Mr Sapper's remarks were not intended to preclude changes of the type advocated by Professor. Alex-ender and the letter was mover

Professor Alexander has not told us why it has not been possible to introduce changes of the sort he describes. It cannor be entirely due to the con-straints of a three-year course, because here, at Lancaster, we already teach some of the material mentioned. Perhaps the real reason is to be found in a remark made to me by the head of an engineering department at another university. The main obstacle to change, he said, lay in the entrenched attitudes of his

I agree with Professor Alex-I agree with Professor Alexander in supporting the Finniston proposals for improvements to engineering education. Many of these proposals indeed have their origin in papers written by my colleague Professor M. J. French. There is a great risk, however, that these necessary reforms will be carried out in a way that will greatly diminish their value. It is already rumoured that ceris stready rumoured that cer-Bailrigg, tain prestigious institutions are Lancaster, LA1 4YR. expecting to be allowed to January 23.

Engineering education teach M.Eng. courses only. The risk is that it is at some such institutions that staff attitudes are most entrenched. An en-gineering course of the type proposed by Finniston cannot be produced by grafting a bit of engineering practice on to an

existing course.
The Finniston report has revealed the extent of industrial experience emong university teachers of engineering. It has not, however, revealed the nature of that experience. There is an enormous difference between experience gained is a research laboratory and that gained in a factory. Exposure to the realities of engineering design and produc-tion is an education which cannot readily be obtained in any other way. I fear that it is experience of just this sort which is often lacking in our universities. There is indeed. one very prestigious university in which many members of the engineering staff are profes-

sionally qualified es physicists, not as engineers.

If these changes in the edu-cation of engineers are to be of real value it is vital that the task of teaching the best students should be entrusted to those departments which can demonstrate that they have a staff qualified by their atti-tudes and experience to do it. Yours faithfully, R. G. CARTER, University of Lancaster, Department of Engineering,

### Efforts made to stimulate

of UK's sugar supplies minerals search

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

competing cereal crops. An im-

portant factor in this has been

an improvement in cereal yields

of about 2 per cent per year whereas sugar beet yields have

shown little improvement in

recent years. As this trend is

likely to continue the expansion

in the beet acreage may slow

down, or even cease, unless

there is an improvement in the

price of beet relative to that for

Even if domestic sugar pro-

cereals, which seems unlikely.

duction could be expanded to the level of existing quotas the variability in sugar beet yields

must raise serious doubts about the reliability of such supplies. It could lead ultimately, to

growing dependence on imports

of European beet sugar with no

obvious benefit to the balance

Surely the correct policy should be to maintain the pre-

sent balance in Britain's suga

supplies and to support the European Commission's efforts

to reduce the Community's

Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 7RU,

systems. At the last Inter-

tion, in 1978, there were more

than 4,000 delegate from 61

countries and 104 exhibitors.

The British Council through

media department

played a significant part in the

promotion of the International

Broadcasting Convention over

the years to its present high standing and in this way has

export drive, as I am sure it has given to other British in-

dustries. It is our view that the

British Council must be allowed to continue to foster Council must

and develop British interests in this specialized but highly influential field and ensure

that the process of transfer of

their knowledge and experi-

ence, programmes and their

over the proposed cut in the

ministers are not insensitive to

public opinion and factual logi-

cal cases. It is to be hoped

that wisdom will prevail also in the case of the British Council.

Yours faithfully,

Committee

Convention,

OHN D. TUCKER,

International Broadcasting

Institution of Electrical

London WC2R OBL.

given valuable help to

broadcasting industry in

Department of Economics, The University,

of payments.

sugar surplus.

IAN SMITH

Yours faithfully,

Sir, The announcement that

Tate and Lyle may have to close

another sugar refinery has far-reaching implications for

Britain's future sugar supplies.

Further closure would mean in-

sufficient refining capacity to give effect to the undertaking,

given by successive govern-

1.3 million tons of cane sugar

from developing Commonwealth countries under the terms of the Lome Convention.

A shift in the balance of Britain's sugar supplies in favour of domestic beet sugar

would seem to underlie the

Government's opposition to the European Commission's propo-

sal to cut sugar production quotas by 10 per cent. It is argued that this would ad-versely affect output, employ-ment and the balance of pay-

ments. But Britain has failed to fulfil its existing quotas, and it is difficult to see how cuts in

paper quotas could result in the

closure of eight factories and the loss of 2,500 jobs as the British Sugar Corporation

Furthermore, it is far from

From Mr John D. Tucker

Sir, In the present eco

public

ortant services.

ment in carrying out its com-

mitment faces a multitude of

proper balance of essential and

danger that in making "ecross-the board" cuts some very im-

portant services are curtailed or discontinued for relatively

small savings in expenditure.

It is in this context that there

is serious concern over the proposed cuts in the budget of

the British Council and the serious effect these will have on the essential information

on the essential information and liaison role played by its media department and in

particular, its invaluable aid to British exports, by creating the right atmosphere for our over-seas trade and services. This

important activity cannot be

eighth International Broadcast-

ing Convention to be held in Brighton on September 20-23.

One of the prime objectives of this biennial convention, first held in 1967, is to assist Bri-

tish industry to export United Kingdom broadcasting equip-ment, services and expertise

worldwide.
Since the IBC was launched

it has seen a continuing growth in status, size and suc-

cess and is now established as one of the world's internation-

al market places for the latest

We are now planning the

easured in financial terms.

In this situation there is the

certain that domestic sugar pro-duction can expand to the level The Univer-of existing quotas. The rate of Newcastle u return on capital for sugar beet January 21.

Cuts threat to British

Council's exports role

nears, for continuing access for

From Mr G. A. Schnetonann Sir, The correspondence initiated by Sir Kingsley Dunham and Sir Peter Kent ("Need for law to aid exploration into Britain's mineral resources" January 9) has greatly interested me as I have been associated with various aspects of this industry for almost half a century. Sir Peter, with great respect, is not a hard-rock miner. His distinguished ser-vices have been given to the port in a common interest is nonetheless welcome, particularly as the oil industry has for some time been evincing interest in the activities of its

older brother.
Sir Kingsley, my friend of long standing, most surely have had his tougue firmly in cheek, because he is well aware of the determined efforts which have peen, and ere still being, made by major mining finance houses

in this context.
I recall in particular, and in the circumstances of the pre-war depression, the Greenside, Halkyn, and Millclose enterprises. These were not stimulated by government subsidy or promises of taxation relief, but by hard-headed mining men

who believed in them as finan-cially viable projects.

Equally hard-headed (not to mention hard-rock!) mining venturers have in more recent years made, and are still making, substantial investments in exploring the potential which unquestionably exists.

Mr Loman's letter (January 23), with which I am in general agreement understates the

agreement, understates the situation. Commencing with the Ministry of Municipos report (Cd. 9184, March 1, 1918) made by Sir Lionel Phillips, there have been at least fire. have been at least five reports on the subject by committees appointed by government. All made sound recommendations. All have been filed and forgotten, except by a few such as the undersigned.

The foe, Sir, is not taxation but the Department of the En-

Yours faithfully, G. A. SCHNELLMANN, Geological and Mining Consul-

49 Ashworth Mansions, Elgin Avenue, London W9 1LW. January 24.

### Product liability advice given on specialized equipment is not left to and animals As we have seen from the Government's change of mind

From the President, the British Veterinary Association Sir, In his letter to The Times (January 8) David Sharpe, the President of the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain makes the point that, in the field of human medicine, pro-duct liability as detailed in current proposals, will be both a misnomer and to the detri-ment of the patient. This is equally true of veterinary

Carried to the extremes suggested, the proposals will inevitably lead to the practice of defensive medicine—that is, carrying out unnecessary diagpossible difficulties that could arise in future. This is to the financial disadvantage of the client and to the physical dis-advantage of the animal

In the veterinary field we face even greater impositions of record keeping than do our medical colleagues. At least sach human patient has a name; what of the 20,000 chickens in a broiler house under treatment with a food

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additive? In order to prevent future claims against the product in use we would be required to deliver homilies of such length and complexity that our clients, unless possessed of an extremely attentive mind or a degree in pharmacology, would become increasingly confused and uncertain. It is this confu-sion and uncertainty that we strive to dispel by assuming with our professional know-ledge, responsibility for our action.

There is every reason to

compensate the owners of animals who have suffered loss by product defect. If this defect is the result of negligence, the remedial course already exists; if the defect is outwith this category there is good reason

for compensation to be available from a central fund.

The imposition of the suggested controls on my profession will be to the detriment of the welfare of the animals we seek to help.

Yours sincerely.
DIXON GUNN, President,
The British Veterinary Associa-7 Mansfield Street. London WIM OAT. January 16.

# Arithmetic of state pensions

Sir, In commenting (January 18) on my article about the cost of the contracting out option in the state pensions scheme Mr Pilch, chairman of the National Association of Pension Funds, says: "It does not seed a ways of Figures not need a mass of figures, merely a modicum of common sense, to appreciate that any consequent increase in state contribution rates today must be offset by lower rates in future years". This, I submit, is not a self-evident proposition, and Mr Pilch should tell us:

rates to come into effect; (ii) the extent of the compensating reductions he then foresees and;

(iii) the real rate of return on investment on which he bases his replies to (i)

I am sorry if these questions require Mr Pilch to apply his mind to figures.
Since 12 million of the 17

million employees in the private sector are contracted into the state scheme, I am sure that your readers were perplexed by Mr Pilch's statement that the proposed Association of Contracted In Employers would represent only a "would represent only a minority of those employed in the private sector". I certainly

I agree with Mr Sibly, Assistant General Manager (Pensions), Legal & General Assurance Society, when he says that the elimination of the contracting out option would (i) the date when he expects not reduce the amount needed the lower contribution to pay the benefits now due. to pay the benefits now due, but that it has an effect on the way the cost is divided between different employers and employees.

I would add that the extent to which the option is exer-cised also determines the proportions of cost borne from RAYMOND general taxation, through the Treasury supplement, and from Pall Mall. National Lasurance contributions. The contracting out of January 21.

10 million employees will have the effect in 1980/81 of reduc-ing the income from contribu-tions by £450m and of increasing the Treasury supplement, and hence the public sector borrowing requirement, by that amount. This feature of the Scheme will not endear it to the Chancellor of the Exchequer. I note that Mr Sibly does

not comment on my calculation that the net rebate on contributions for contracted out employees in the next tax year will amount to only £155 per employee against the £300 per employee that will have to be found by the employer-based pension schemes to fund the liabilities they choose to retain. If I am right in this, the combined action of the contracting out employers must surely conout employers must surely con-stitute one of the biggest financial follies of modern times. RAYMOND NOTTAGE.

# Insecurity in securities

Very high trading volume on Wall Street, due to a £14m drop in the interest burden which some analysts are hoping will be a to £9.8m. quarter higher this year, is doing wonders for the share prices of the leading United States securities companies, including the over-the-counter dealers. After their weak showing in the 1976-78 period, the quoted firms came back to favour last year in a big

And already this year shares in Merrill Lynch are a quarter higher and in Shearson Loeb Rhoades more than a third on expectations of much higher profits.

The strength of the United States stockmarket, however, is doing nothing to alleviate the long-term problems that have been plaguing the United States securities business for the best part of a decade. Unlike their United Kingdom counterparts, who still seem to be putting most of their faith in mergers to pull them through the difficult years ahead, rather than playing the angles by going for more fundamental structural changes, Wall Street firms have already tried that route.

The recent gyrations in markets have also done little to bolster their confidence, since it has only helped expose the inadequacy of their capital bases for dealing in such uncertain markets.

Increasingly, then, survival has been seen in terms of diversification over the past three years, when there has also been the added pressure of the moves to off-floor trading on the United States exchanges.

More and more the "financial superstore"

approach of Merrill Lynch is seen as the only real answer. Firms have expanded into life assurance in a big way, as well as into the commodity markets, and they are more and more coming up against the commercial banks as they try to move into their tradi-tional activities as well, and expand their investment banking interests.

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The fundamental problem remains that all the moves away from pure securities trading are requiring them to act as principals rather than agents, and apart from Merrill Lynch, whose \$740m capital base is more than three times that of its nearest rival Shearson Loeb Rhoades, these other firms simply do not have the resources to expand in like fashion.

The latest ruse of the NYSE to stem the tide has been to try to grab some of the com-modities action from Chicago with the introduction of trading in financial futures from April this year. The voluntary moratorium two years ago on options trading is also expected to come to an end within the next month. If Wall Street is any guide, London brokers are only just starting to see the really tough times.

Just how tough depends on a variety of factors, not least those highlighted in a new survey of the British securities industry commissioned by stockbrokers Grieveson, Grant. Twenty-four institutions were invited to give their views on the prospects for the industry. The message which emerges seems to be that institutions are dissatisfied with the way the Stock Exchange is approaching delicate subjects such as dual-capacity trading and fixed commissions (the future of which will be decided in two or three years time by the Restrictive Practices Court) and want to be more fully involved

Understandably so, since institutional investors have gained such a powerful position in the market, but the report is less than satisfactory in that it contains a series of slashing attacks (and some commende tions) without offering any answers. It is all very well—and absolutely reasonable—that institutions should demand some contingency planning from the Stock Exchange should the Court rule to dismantle the present market structure, but institurional thinking will have to be con-tructive and bear in mind that there is heavy pressure from some quarters for stitutions to put their own house in order. The Wilson Committee, for instance, should have plenty to say on that subject.

Reed International

### Fit for the recession

Reed International has proved the perfect patient responding magnificently to the drastic surgery of the last couple of years. The new found vigour is evident in pre-tax profits up 27 per cent to £80m at the nine months stage with most of the improvement

At the operating level, however, the performance looks more mundane and begs the question as to just how severe the profits relapse is going to be when Reed's remaining activities meet the recession. United Kingdom profits actually slipped a shade in the third quarter edging shead to £61m for the nine months with the squeeze on margins in paper-making wiping out much of the boost from newspapers and publishing.

Meanwhile, profits from the savagely pruned overseas operations are only a shade down reflecting a powerful turnround by the Canadian operations including Dryden (now sold) and the remaining Quebec newsprint mil!

Reed is still bent on selling the Quebec mill and thus completing its withdrawal from the activities which brought it so near to the brink a couple of years ago. But booming conditions in the American market at least cut out the necessity of a "fire

The shares up 13p to 207p, however, seem to be putting a little too much store in hopes of £105m pre-tax for the full-year for a fullyboost making a yield of 73 per cent dividend boost making a yield of 73 per cent.

Next year publishing will be under pressure, there is not much relief in sight for

United Kingdom paper-making while building and DIY products-Reed's third remaining United Kingdom arm-are not exactly recession proof.

Profits could drop as low as £70m pre-tax. Even though new-found balance sheet strength-gearing has dropped to 37 per cent and the group has plenty of free cash should enable a more flexible Reed to ride out a recession the medium-term outlook is cloudy enough to suggest a more cautious

Trident Television

# Strike

Even with a fairly solid profits record to back them up, television contractors have never been a stockmarket favourite, usually having to rely on their income attractions for support. Last autumn's technicians' strike only seemed to confirm how vulnerable earnings could be to any interruption in advertising revenue, at least for those not as well diversified as Granada or Associated Communications.

Trident Television has been unlucky in that with a September year-end, its results cover a full two months of the 11 week strike while those with a later reporting period, following the more than one third rise in advertising revenue in the November-December period, will manage to hide most

With revenue losses of £13m and £750,000 in wasted programme costs, Trident reckons the dispute to have cut some £11-2m from profits leaving the full year, after earlier hopes of perhaps an increase of a tenth, down a sixth at £7.5m with the second half more than a half lower at only £2.7m. Elsewhere the group has done rather better with the Windsor Safari Park operation now washing its face and the rest of the leisure side doing better.

The move into United States film distribution has involved some start-up costs but the overall result is that the non-television interests have shown useful growth from £1.9m to £2.3m to offset some of the near E2m decline in television contracting to

For the current year a rate card rise of 15 per cent already announced is to be followed by another 25 per cent increase which will go some way towards compensating for a dull year so far as advertising revenue is concerned and the cost pressures from the technicians' settlement.

Trident is going someway towards fulfil-ling its commitment on the dividend by reducing the promised cover from 2 to 1.6 in view of the profits downturn, where the yield at 534p is 9.3 per cent although things could have looked a little better if it had taken extraordinary losses of £516,000mostly due to currency movementsfurther down. But at least its franchises seem more secure than some of the other

# Donald Macintyre on the mood in two industries where thousands of jobs are at risk

# Why the Welsh are on the war-path

the march through Cardiff's city centre on Monday crisply summed up the original purpose of the protest. "For sale", it read, "one South Wales coal-lield. Apply agents: the British Steel Corporation.

The banner cloquently ex-presses the extent to which tries are interlocked at the heart of the South Wales economy and the effect that the BSC's drastic plans for scaling down production in the region will have on coal output and indirectly on the rest of Welsh industry.

The spectre of unemployment arising from the corporation's intention to shed 11,300 jobs at Llanwern and Port Talbot, and to increase its imports of coking coal to the region, may well dominate tomorrow's talk-between the Nationalised Industries Committee of the TUC and

The national union leaders are likely to point out to Sir Geoffrey Howe, Chancellor of National Coal Board estimates the Exchequer, and his collengues that while they have back by between 24 million persuaded the Wales TUC to and 28 million tons regional

strike" in the Principality until tense pressure to secure a stay of execution of BSC policy before that date, whatever their reservations about the tactics of union officiais in Wa'es.

On Monday, as 15,000 trade unionists made their way through Cardiff's cuty centre. Mr Peter Davey, the chief executive of South Glamorgan Council, was remarking to the South Wales standing conference on regional policy that the figure of 21,000 "knock on" redundancies which would resting to the steel cutbacks was probably a "serious understimate"

figures—and

union leaders believe that the eventual loss of jebs could be 100,000—may not add weight to either side in the argument over BSC's everall stratege. But they indicate a growing convensus in the region about what the effects of it will be.

miners' leaders expect that it the steel cuts go ahead the shard will come forward in the summer with plans for the closure of at least 11, and possibly a further 10, loss-making pits, Close to the centre of their argument is the issue of imported coking coal

The corporation has not officially denied or confirmed that it intends to increase its imports of coking coal by 1.2 million tons a year, much of which would be expected to go to South Wales where 1 million tons is already imported.

The American and Australian coking coal imported for Port Talbot is about £10 a ton cheaper than its domestically produced equivalent. But the low level of subsidy for Britishproduced coal compared with hat for European competitors is illustrated by figures put before the Wales TUC last month. These said that subsidies on coking coal per ton were £24 in Belgium, £14 in France, £11 in Germany and

at Monday's rally when he said that there were sufficient reserves of coking coal in Britain to supply all BSC's needs if the same level of subsidy was paid here as in other EEC countries. The miners say that 75 per cent of those reserves are in South

To show the indirect effect on other industries the same Wales TUC document attempted to break down coal board expenditure under headings which included: payments to British Rail 535m; civil engineering, £15.9m; and materials, including wood from the Forestry mission, £9.7m.

It is not only state enterprises that would be affected. According to Mr Emlyn Williams, South Wales president of the NUM: "People forget that many of the effects will be on

the private sector."

Mr Williams even criticizes
as too modest the Wales TUC demand for a two-year mora-El in the United Kingdom.

It is against this background to review. The union, he says, that Mr Lawrence Daly, general should be actively seeking exsecretary of the National Union pansion. Despite his passionate diminish.

the pay issue may have over-shadowed the threat to jobs.
"Survival", he says, "is even more important than weges."

While a scrtlement of the steel strike would on the onecampaign for jobs by carrying at least some commitment to cutbacks, Welsh Union leaders privately admit their doubts whether the steel workers could be brought out again once they

have gone back to work. And it is open to question whether unions like the railwavmen's, which brought out 8,500 members in the railways and docks on Monday, could meet a similar response for an

indefinite strike. But the Wales TUC, with the miners at the fore, has stretched itself to prevent Wales becoming what Mr Williams described as a "non-industrial nation". Tomorrow's meeting will give ministers a forecaste of a political headache likely to grow much more: troublesome

# Can Turkey regain financial respectability?

with open arms-into the international financial community. The series of measures taken over the last week to restore its credit worthiness, will prob-ably do the trick, although the International Monetary Fund

has so far keot its views very close to its chest. The lirat aim of the litter measures was to regain Turkey's: access to the life standby credit access to time IMF standby credit of 250m special drawing rights (530m) which was set up last Julyo The significance of winning this money from the IMF is not the size of the loan—which is tiny in comparison with Turkey's needs—but the signal which IMF approval would give to international banks and west-

Turkey has discovered to its cost over the last two years that the IMF "bill of health" has become a prerequisite for access to the world's capital markets. It was IMF agreement to a new stand-by credit last year which gave the final go-ahead to a massive rescheduling of Turkish debts by commercial

Turkey is often held up as an example of how badly wrong can be the IMF policy of insisting on strict conditions before giving special loans to countries in acute payments difficulties. The political unrest in Turkey is then laid at the door of the hard men from the fund who have forced austerity measures on unwilling govern-

Turkey's great difficulties in meeting its debt payments, and the apparently inexorable rise in the ratio of debt servicing to export earnings, are also sometimes pointed to as the first signs of banking problems

The huge surpluses of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries expected this parts in defici's elsewhere. Many of the middle income developing countries which have borrowed heavily from internrional banks over the few years will suffer increases in their oil bills. They will have to turn to their creditors for help with meeting these bills, Banks which already have sizable

loans at stake will find them-

These generalizations about Turkey raise questions about the nature of the recycling problem and the proper role of the IMF in this. The IMF loan

criteria are drawn up with a simple aim in mind—to ensure that the fund gets its money brok in the end. They are not concerned to maximize growth or welfare in the debtor countries but to improve the balance of payments to a point where the country can repay its loans. Naturally commercial banks feel happier lending to a country which the IMF believes is on the road to economic health.

However, recycling the Open surpluses implies financing the corresponding deficits and allowing them to continue, at least in the medium term. In this context it makes sense for the TMF to provide money on slightly easier terms than would otherwise do. At present it has plenty of money in its coffers but few takers among

debtor countries. The commercial banks will.

selves locked in, as they are in however, still have to play a big bility. Turkey, so the argument runs. part in the recycling, however plight. part in the recycling, however plight.

They made money readily uneasy they feel about increasing their risk exposure in some countries.

But for two reasons Turkey is something of a special case. First, its military and strategic importance to the West means that it stands a better chance than most of getting help from governments: witness the \$900m loan package put together by members of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development last year. More will follow last week's custority package.

Secondly, the Turkish economy is in a particularly parlous stage. Inflation has roared to between 70 and 80 percent from a level of 45 per cent in 1978. This is despite a drastic slowdown in growth in the latter part of the 1970s and an unem-ployment level of about 20 per

Turkey was first sent into deficit by dearer oil after a current account surplus in 1973 of \$615m. Since then it has piled up debts at an alarming rate. International bankers must bear some of the responsi

available in the mid-1970s for both short and long-term loans, all of which proved too much for the Turks to repay in time. Turkey now has about \$15,000m of outstanding debts and its ratio of debt service to exports could rise to 45 per cent this year after being nearly a third.

Other governments and the money into Turkey now in the hope that the opening up of the economy to foreign lovest-ment, along with the sharp price rises for fuels and the big sbock of a 33 per cent devaluation, will boost exports and hold down government borrowing and private consumption.

crippling the economy and slow growth and high unemployment threstening Turkey's precarious political stability, it might be much better for western governments to mount a large aid programme than to take the Turks further into the

Caroline Atkinson

# Stopping the rot in the textile towns

John Huxley

placed some 500,000 sq ft of A steady stream of politicians and industrialists has made its way down Fiapper Fold Lane,

way down Flapper Fold Lane, been reduced from 430 to rewer Atherton, in recent months. They have been visiting the about 14. The highly-automated plant—in Lancashire for SO, years. The importance of "Unit suite than the traditional mill One", as it is called, is not —operates 168 hours a week. Confined to Carrington Viyelki. Micro-wave ovens are: available in an industry which has seen, to heat refrigerated food intri400 mills close in the past ten years and which is, now in shift working.

danger of talking itself into Mr Sharrock says that there exprinction the few moniett is hear a hung improvement. extinction, the £6m project is

aging director of Carrington Viyella's yarns division, is no King Canute. He does not underestimate the threat posed by cheep imports or the im-mediate difficulties caused by the strength of sterling and the high cost of borrowing. But, in the longer term, the industry must prove it can deliver the against overseas com-

Government "protection" insistence on reciprocal, fair trading and on orderly market-ing arrangements must be seen as an essential rearguard action. As Mr Cecil Parkinson, the Minister for Trade, has made clear, the industry must make use of the breathing space to reorganize.

The reorganization at Atherton has been dramatic. The 95,000 sq ft plant has re-

mill space. The workforce has been reduced from 430 to fewer than 100, organized in shifts of

has been a huge improvement an attempt to stop the rol. in productivity. Yarn produc-Mr Norman Sharrbok; man tion per man how has quadrupled and there has been a substantial reduction in unit

cost.
The capital-intensive strategy adopted in Unit One has, by and large, been accepted by the workforce. "When they were workforce. "When they were first approached, the unions responded by saving we should have invested like this many years ago", Mr Sharrock says. Wages have jumped from about £6S to £110 a week. The cost has been several hundred reductions and approach to the several hundred reductions and approach to the several hundred reductions. dundancies and an acceptance of more flexible working.

The unit is already contributing indirectly to group sales. About three quarters of the Atherton output stays within the group. Yarns are sold to its Dorma subsidiary where they are woven, dyed and made up into sheets.

It is still too early to say that

the Unit One approach works. The plant is not yet running at full capacity, and productivity may yet be exceeded by overseas mills. The scale of investment remains cautious: the plant meets only about 15 per cent of Carrington Vivella's cent of An alternative strategy being

adopted in parts of the industr is to move out of low-cost, bulk production and concentrate on high technology and high added-value output. Fothergill & Harvey, of Lintleborough, estab-lished in 1848, recognized this many years ago: "Following the Second World War, when re-spected names in the industry were trying to pick up where they left off in 1939, an elite few looked not at the present but to the future", Mr Leslie Stevens, the chief executive, ex-plains. high technology and high added-

The process of diversification away from traditional cottonbased products has accelerated in the last decade. Even in its industrial textiles division, which accounts for a progressively smaller share of turnover each year, there has been a mine of the progression of swing away from fabrics which compete in large volume markets to those used in

markets to mose used in speciality areas.

Its product range—which finds outlets in user industries including aerospace, chemicals, electronics, food, leisure, packaging and transport—is sufficiently large for the company to ride out sectoral fluctuations

Such diversity brings with it a risk of becoming over-extended,

as Mr Peter Conway, one of the directors, recognizes. "The knack is not to let our research and development people run away with us. We must recognize that a time comes when losses must be cut and a product dropped."

but subsequently decided that future applications, elsewhere in the military field, were too limited. So, three-dimensional weaving was dropped.

Mr Stevens believes that the future of the company and its 1,100 employees lies with new and other existing lines: carbon fibre blanks and composites, anti-stick and corrosionresistant coatings, fabric roofing and fibre-reinforced plastics.
The company's output is already used in products as diverse as golf clubs and X-ray

couches, armounce annimagnetic skins to protect the hulls of minesweepers.

The management at Carrington Viyella Yarns and Fothergill & Harvey recognize that in the industry generally the painful process of rationalization and contraction must continue for some time. How far, few are for some time. How far, few are the contraction of the community obligations to the community obligations to the community obligations to the community obligations. couches, armoured jackets and anti-magnetic skins to protect

and contraction must continue for some time. How far, few are prepared to say. There are too many unpredictable factors to throw off course even well-run businessas, as Mr Peter Cock-croft, managing director of Heatherdale Fabrics, is learn-The company is something of

a rarity at a time when there has been a rush to leave the textiles industry. It would appear to have done everything right. It has a modern, purposebuilt factory at Todmorden

and it has a high added-value product—furnishing fabrics. Its output per operative is comparable with levels elso-where in the world and great attention has been paid to ensuring that design is right... Mr Cockcroft and his father

duct dropped."

One such innovation was Leo brought to the company three-dimensional weaving of large sums of their own money, glassifibre. The most obvious as well as experience gained in application was for the nose cone of aircraft. Fothergill & company, John Cockcroft and Harvey provided the famous. Sops. Their experience in the dropping shout for Concorde, early 1970s showed that end lightened management, good working conditions and high wages were compatible healthy profits.

A year or two ago, though, things began to go wrong. Turnover growth has stalled at about fl.7m, and the mill is not

making money.

Heatherdale has been hit not so much by low-cost competi-tion from the United States and alsewhere as the adverse move ment in the value of the pound and present high interest rates Two thirds of output is expor-

obligations to the community and they cannot accept that the Government will allow the manufacturing base of the country, of which they are a part, to be destroyed.

"We have lost money before and we have turned it round.
It won't be possible to make a
commercial judgment on commercial judgment on Heatherdale until the mid-1980s. By then we will have done so again."

# Business Diary: Strikes while the iron is cold

The brass at the British Steel Corporation are suffering from acute loss of face. For some years past the luckless BSC has been ardently courting the Chinese in the hope of winning the court of the chinese in the hope of winning the chinese the saddies the big contracts to advise the workers' paradise on modernizing the Chinese steel industry.

Sir Charles Villiers, BSC's chairman, himself has shown the importance which the cor-poration attaches to the Chinese by himself going to Peking.

But a party of officials from
Chinese metallurgical foundations are about to return home without visiting some of the BSC works which they came here to see. Yesterday, the group's leader, Zhou Hongii, was to have toured BSC installations at Sheffield with four of his collections.

his colleagues.

Tomorrow the party was to visit the Port Talbot steelworks, one of the two works in South Wales threatened with swingeing redundancies. But the Chinese team's hosts—the Metals Society and the Institute of Mining and Metallurgy have been obliged to revise, the scheduled programme because

of the strike. Instead, the team spent yesterday touring a library and a mines safety research establishment. Tomorrow, instead of going to Port Talbot, the study group will spend its time at the University of Aston and with

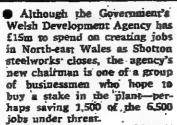
What the Chinese make of all this, Business Diary cannot say. Tourism is tightly controlled in China, we are always told-but what of the Chinese visitors here denied the opportunity of talking to pickets in the fore-front of the workers' heroic uprising against Thatcher



"In the time it has taken you to produce one tonne of crude steel I've done the weekly wash, mended a fuse, cleaned the kitchen, made seven pounds of mermalade and four meat ples for the fridge and got your tea

Fifty years ago, the steel industry was again in recession and yet again the lawyers were coining it. In 1930, however, it was a steel-owner rather ever, it was a steel-owner rander than a trade unionist who faced the couris. A big shareholder in Colville's steel works in Scotland was Lord Kylsant, described as an "absentee landlord" by the BSC historian landlord."

Kylsant, former Liberal MP, JP and president of the London Chamber of Commerce was soon to be more absent than ever. He got 12 months for offences in connexion with a prospectus for Royal Mail Steam Packet (now part of Furness Withy), said to have been prepared with "an dependent on coal and steel, he canomy of truth."



Stephen Gray was himself once sacked from the BSC by former chairman Sir Monty opposing Finniston for ... Shotton's closure. He tells Business Diary that the acquisition of a stake is still a

"It requires an investigation are in a position to do some-Meanwhile, the WDA and

Gray do have the numbers to provide 500,000 sq ft of factory space in the Shotton-Wrexham area. The agency's advice caravan is parked inside the steelworks to help those steel-men who fancy starting their own businesses 80 bave shown interest so far. Gray's agency has been in the business for some time,

steelworks. Worse could be on the way with the rundown of Ilanwern and Port Talbut. dependent on coal and steel, he years ago. He would not relish



Norman Turner: solicitous, shy.

It does not need a long by an accepted and established industrial memory to recall the financial agency. After that, if stir caused in 1972 by the Offithe numbers stand up then we cial Solicitor when he intervened to get the three dockers freed from their imprisonment

> The whispers are around that this deus ex machina of the time, may be needed again if the steel dispute drags on. As it happens, the same man is still in charge. Norman Tur-

ner, now near retirement, has quietly been carrying on his job He still scrutinizes every case with jobs being lost at the Ebbw. Vale and East Moors where someone has been imprisoned for contempt The main part of his work however, is looking after the interests of those thought to be

taking another bow.

at a disadvantage in court pro-ceedings—children, or, mental petients, for instance. Turner is a diffident man, who did not like the limelight in which he found houself eightWhen on Monday an Iron and Steel Trades Confederation organizer called Clive Lewis said of Lord Denning: "We take our instructions from the national executive council not from one fallow with functions." from some fellow with funny hair", he both gave Arthur Scargill his cue and increased the public stock of harmless pleasure. leasure. It would be wrong, however,

to assume that Lewis's remarks went down well only with trade unionists. In Sheffield, for exunionists. In Sheffield, for example, the head of one of the biggest private steel-makers told Business Diary: "If you quote me, I'll deny it, but we could all be a good deal better off if the strike were allowed off it the strike were allowed to spread to the private sector. "If they can't get sheet stee! our customers' production lines will stop and they won't want to buy our products. That will mean higher stock financing costs for us and we'll also be for contempt imposed by the forced to make lay-off payments late Industrial Relations Court, to our workers when the strike

> Now if our own workers go out we avoid the lay-off pay-ments and the group goes into a vacuum for the duration."

Nothing could be more British than a strike, and nothing more British than the way in which, so Business Diary hears, the mmagement at one British
Steel Corporation works gave
the pickets three steel shelters
in which to picket. It is also
rather British, I suppose, that
the shelters, being made of an increasingly precious metal, were promptly pinched. There is no suggestion that the

> Ross Davies

# Daily Mail and General Trust Limited Statement by Viscount Rothermere, Chairman

My father died just before the Anoual General Meeting in July 1978, and since the current accounting period was extended to 30th September 1979, this is the first occasion I have hed the opportunity to make the Chairman's Statement in the Annual Accounts and to pay tribute to my father's work in building up your Company so successfully over the last half century,

het Revenue after expenses and taxation in the 18 months to September 1979 was \$3,570,000. After providing for the preference dividend the serning for the zeriod were 35. In per share or 23.49 on an annual basis. Excluding the dividend from Associated increased in the 12 months to March, 1979 by 12% oyer the year before, and for the 12 months to Sep

It is therefore with pleasure that I can report to you that

1979 by 20% over the previous year to September 1978. With income from Associated Newspapers Group showing a significant increase the results for the period can therefore be viewed with some satisfaction.

Because a considerable proportion of our investm portfolio is the holding in Associated Newspapers Group, your Company has been bound by the dividend limitation yogulations: in consequence it has not been possible to match increasing income-with distributions as have, for example. Authorized investment fruits who have been free from those regulations. The end of dividend earlon los messa literations that the Board has been able to give fresh consideration to the scale of

being recommended exceeds 85% of the amount

During the period. Associated Newspapers Group ed to be the Company's subsidiary. Nevertheless as you will read in the Directors' Report we shall be continuing to give additional information concerning its results and financial position, so that you can appreciate the diversified strength and successful operations of the

meant the redisposition of some common interests, as was reported earlier in the year. The book profit arising from these and other rea \$3 million, with an unavoidable Capital Gains Tax

As a further result of the altered relationship, the Accounts of Daily Meil and General Trust have needed to be modified, Analysis of Investments has at the same ti<mark>nne been altered to expand</mark> the informatio

The last eighteen months has seen a remarkable turn round in the strength of Sterling, the progressive effect of North Sea Cili on our balance of payments and the start of the loosening of government control over so much of our lives. The abolition of dividend limitation and later, of Exchange Control has allowed market influences to have much greater effect on investment prices and policy. We carriestly hope that the firm measures taken by the Government will have the effect of combating inflation and reviving industry.

# FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

# Mr Ferguson Lacey in £4m Wardle bid

By Philip Robinson

Birmingham and Midland Counties Trust the private investment vehicle of entrepreneur Mr Graham Ferguson Lacey, has launched a £41m takeover bid for the 70 per cent of Bernard Wardle it does not aiready own.

The bid is pitched at 33p a Net assets of Bernard Wardle, which processes PVC December, 1978, at 52.8p a

Birmingham and Midland over 14 months, paying an average price of 21p.

BMCT is being advised by merchant bankers Arbuthnot continued during the third Latham (in which BMCT has a quarter. 14 per cent stake). No reaction was available last

night from Bernard Wardle or on the last full year's earnings its advisers, merchant bankers of 4.1. Last night the shares Warburg, but Mr Quelch said gained 3p to 34p.

a meeting had taken place and the reaction from the Wardle board had been "friendly". The Board are not large shareholders. The largest single By Sylvia Morris shareholder after BMCT is Norwich Union Life Insurance with a 6.68 per cent stake. A spokesman for Mr G.

Ferguson Lacey said: "I think share and would value the it is virtually an agreed bid." whole group of nearly £6m. Profits of Bernard Wardle Profits of Bernard Wardle over the past few years have been described by some in the and supplies moulded plastics City as patchy. For the year to for the motor trade, are put the end of November, 1978, in the last balance-sheet in earnings were little changed December, 1978, at 52.8p a from those reached in 1974, For the six months to the end of June last year, profits Counties Trust has built up its marked time around the 29.9 per cent stake in Wardle £500,000 mark, although the then chairman Mr Derek Boothman said that the profitability achieved in the first half had

At the offer price this would give Wardle an exit p/e ratio

# Plessey's final disposal

By Our Financial Staff Electronics group Plessey has sold the last of its operations which does not fit in with the group's policy of concentrating on high technology products, for £1 million cash.

Plessey 5 Sheet Metals. involved in sub-contracting work making vending machines and filing cabinets has been bought by WCB-Clares, which make shelves, wire baskets and trollies for supermarkets and is part of Guinness.

bury, Tesco and Safeway and are already working at full capacity at their factories in Wells, Somerset, and Mountain Ash in South Wales. Mr Roy Griffiths, the chairman, said: The sheet metal business will increase capacity by about 66

It is understood that Plessey Sheet Metal could have been making a small loss.

This is the last of about nine companies which Plessey has sold during the last two years.

# **Short-term** income bonds upset the LOA

Single premium bond sales rose by £91m to £630m last year, with 90 per cent of this rise going to short-term guaranteed income bonds. But despite this increase in business, the

Life Offices Association wants to see these income boads killed off. L:O.A. chairman Mr Leonard Hall said yesterday that he was

"not happy" about these bonds being sold by non-member offices and did not think that tax relief should be available Although sales of the bonds are small compared with total life assurance business, fears that they will mushroom are expected to bring Inland Revenue action against them. The L.O.A. is concerned that any Revenue move will cause repercussions throughout the

whole industry. Short-term income bonds, which have a life of one or rwo years, offer attractive returns by taking advantage of tax relief on life assurance pre-miums primarily designed for longer term contracts of ten vears or more.

One possible way to put an end to these bonds is to extend the clawback rules on tax relief to a period beyond the current four years. Alternatively legis-lation could be introduced making income bonds nonqualifying for tax relief pur-poses which could effect longererm guaranteed bonds.

Mr Hall was optimistic that there was no immediate danger of life assurance premium relief being withdrawn from life assurance policies in

tional buyers re-enter the market. This prompted renewed interest in equities and rever-sal of the slide in giks.

However, the buying re-mained selective and prices were exaggerated by a general shortage of stock among

Stock markets

following a quiet start, as in-

stitutional buyers stepped into

Trading had begun in sombre

companies reporting excep-tional profits in the United

States, which in turn has focused attention on their which in turn has

British rivals now felt to be

Gold shares also saw support

port also came with the an-nouncement earlier in the

week that Saudi Arabia had

increased its price of all to \$26 a barrel and planned further rises in the near future. As a

result the bullion price raced ahead \$45 to \$670 an ounce.

Then, shortly after lunch, rumours that the steel strike had taken another step closer

to being resolved saw institu-

the ring.

undervalued.

provements of £1 although elsewhere rises were mainly fixed at about £4 to £3. At the shorter end of the market mood overshadowed by the falls of about £4 were reversed uncertain situation in the steel and net rises of about £4 to £3

uncertain situation in the steel dispute and by events overseas were witnessed at the close. which sent equities and gilts Details of the placing being arranged by Charterhouse Japhet and Carr Sebag in What little activity there was continued to be centred on oils and also gold shares, following Berkeley North Sea should be worth reading. Berkeley's the rebound in the bullion interests are in or near block Oil shares continued to draw investment support following the recent spate of major oil

Equities remained firm after after the bullion price had held its own in the world hours although some were just off their best. Nevertheless, the FT Index managed to finish the day at its highest point 10.4 up at 464.0 after starting the

day 1.6 down.

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Five Oaks Invst (F)
Glass Glover Grp (F)
Hend'son-Kenton (I)
IDC Group (F)
Porvair (F)
Prestige Grp (F)
Rosgill (I)
Throsmorton Trst (F)

company KCA International

will have preference for the partly paid issue and the com-

pany itself will get several millions in cash. KCA are now

This proved to be the case in

mand mainly as a result of its oil interests rising 9p to 389p. Third-quarter figures from Reed International, above ex-pectations, were well received and the slares rose 13p to 207p

Shares smartly ahead as buyers come back

Street and the second

spilling over into Bowater which climbed 11p to 178p. Elsewhere, Unilever climbed 8p to 470p, Glaxe 7p to 490p while rises of 5p were noted in Fisons at 292p and Beecham at 135p. BAT's was cautious ahead of today's figures firming 1p to

16/26. Shareholders in parent gress on the back of the rise in the bullion price with Anglo American Gold \$3! up at \$89. West Driefontein \$2 better at S813 and Vall Reefs \$34 stronger at \$654. Among the cheaper priced shares St Helena rose \$21 to \$351, Venterspost \$11 to \$141 and F. S. Geduid

Latest results

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further buying as Consolidated Gold Fields improved 160 to

0.18(0.46) 5.8(6.8) 0.48(0.72) 3.6(3.0) 7.5(9.0)

shortage of stock among A. J. Worthington (1) 1.06(1.01) 0.07(0.15) 2.26(4.2) 1.041(0.34) 31/3 -(--) Dividends in this table are shown net of tax on pence per share. Elsewhere in Susiness News are shown the lower levels and some in
earnings are net. a=13 months. b=10 months. c=10ss.

The Stock Market burst back terest was shown in the new leading industrials where ICI Beers D'fd £3/16 to £10! In Linfood 8p to 157p and Kwil into life again yesterday, tap stocks which showed im- experienced some heavy de plantoums Rustenburg rose 9p Save Discount 4p to 110p. J. to 279p.

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provement throughout the list with interest from the United. States providing a late fillip of President Carter's plans to for the majors after hours. BP jumped 20p to 362p and the new 18p to 157p, 3p above the offer price with the remainder of the cash, due next week. Shell rose 16p, to 366p, and Shell rose 16p, to 366p and Shell rose 16p, to 360p, to Ultramar advanced 4p to 452p as did Bormah at 194p, Lasmo expanded op to 420p, among second liners, but profit raking chipped 8p from Siebens at

The interest in oil bubbled over into North Sea shares where Carless Capel was wanted 8p up at 85p as its North Sea interests were taken into account.

The threat of a renewed price war following Associated Dairies announcement on price cutting on Monday resulted in further London financials also saw falls. Associated Dairies, itself, tumbled 8p to 174p ahead of 463p, R.T.Z. 10p to 416p, Selectoday's figures while other falls tion Trust 8p to 688p and De featured Tesco. 3p to 651p, today's figures while other falls

2.38(2.23) 1.041(0.34)

Save Discount 4p to 110p. J. Sainsbury managed to remain Oil shares showed further im- firm at 298p.

Hopes of an increase in the defence budget along the lines to 222p. Racal also involved in defence and currently bidding for Decca improved 11p to 24?p while Decca unaffected by the death of its chairman Sir Edward Lewis, advanced 20p to 395p in the ordinary and 17p to 352p in the "A".

Anthony Gibbs crept up 3p to 81p on Monday and stayed there yesterday. There is going to be no counter bidder to Bongkong & Shanghai which can afford to take its time negotiating bid terms for Gibbs. Hougkong Bank has 40 par cent of the shares.

Shares of Louis C. Edwards returned from suspension 1450 up at 520 as did stable mate Morgan Edwards 330 up at 1950 while merger talks still continue At the same time shares of Manchester Utd FC, chaired by Mr Louis Edwards and dealt under rule 163(2), tumbled 20p to 150p, after 125p. Equity turnover of Fanuary 28, was £139.540m (15,660 bargains). Active stocks vesterday, according to the Explange Telegraph, were, Associated Dairies, BP, BP, New, "Ratal, Selection Trust, Carless Capel, Decca "A", Reed International and R.T.Z.

### Throgmorton Trust's revenue up 19 pc

Pre-tax revenue of Throg-morton Trust expanded by 19 per cent to a record £3.64m in the 12 months to November 30. The total gross dividend is being lifted from 7.27p to 7.92p. At the year-end, the net asset value of the ordinary shares had reached 107.2p, against 101.3p a year earlier. 101.3p a year earlier.

FIVE OAKS INVESTMENTS Turnover for 1979 dropped from E730,000 to £484,000. Pre-tax loss of £73,997, 3241bst profit of £35,000. No dividend (seme).

CRIMILAYS BANK Grindlays Bank announces that pareement has been reached for the sale of the share capital of its wholly owned subsidiary Cox and Fings (Holdings) to Messrs A. B. M. Good and J. N. R.

W. GOODKIND & SONS Contracts exchanged for Good-kind to buy long leasehold interest in Denton Park Shopping Centre, Newcastle upon Tyne, from Denton Park NV, for £700,000 in cash and

Rickmensworth and Uxbridge Valley Water intends to offer for sale by tender £3m, 9 per cent redeemable, preference stock. 1985. Minimum price of issue will be £98 per ceut.

LAZARD CONFIRMING
Lazard Brothers & Co announce
the formation of their new confirming house subsidiary company,
Lazard Confirming. The directors
are Mr J. Todd (chairman), Mr
P. R. Godwin and Mr R. N. de G.

AUSTRIAN BANK Australan Bank
Zentralsparkasse and Kommerabank, Austria's largest savings
bank and the fourth biggest bank
with assets of AS93m, has opened
a London office to service growing international business and in
particular lending portfolio
through Eurocurrency markets.

Turnover for 13 months to November 30, 56.29m (£4,79m for 10 months). Net profit 5180,000 (£465,000). EPS 1.0p (2.6p). No div (same).

A. J. WORTHINGTON
Turnover of A. J. Worthington
(Roidings) for half-year to Septemher 30 reached £1.06m (against
£1.01m), but pre-tax profits fell
from £156.600 to £72.200. Interim
dividend, gross, lifted from 0.25p
ladjusted) to 0.58p. Adverse conditions in home market have con-

tiqued; no sign yet of improve-

DELTA METAL
Negotiations for purchase of
Accurate Forging Corporation and
New England Centerless Grinding
from Bristol Brass Corporation of
Hartford, Connecticut, have now
heen satisfacturily completed for a been satisfactorily completed for a purchase price of \$6m. Group will be able to expand the current sales into North American continent and should provide a longer-term platform for growth.

Directors are confident that the increases in output hudgeted by subsidiary companies for the coming year can be achieved but in those uncertain times they are in no position to make a forecast.

Subsidiaries of Country and New Town Properties and British and Commonwealth Shipping have ac-guired a further 57,500 shares each in Jermyn Investment, increasing their holdings to 40.05 per cent

### Briefly

**NEWMAN INDUSTRIES** Newman Industries' offshoot, Grindley of Stoke (Ceramics) Inc., Ceramix Group Inc from Maddock Ltd for £1.69m. At June 30 last, Ceramix's net tangible assets were US\$3.79m (£1.56m). Ceramix makes vitrilled earthenware for the United States and distributes

UNITED TIN AREAS Listing suspended at company's request, pending clarification of company's position.

AVANA GROUP
Dr J. S. Randall has acquired a further 2,000 ordinary shares.

JANTAR
Following the sale of 45,000 shares, Electra Finance Co is interested in 130,000 ordinary shares (6.63 per cent). Blectra is a subsidiary of Globe Investment

CARDIFF MALTING Saxonbest and associates have disposed of their holding of 37,500 shares (5.1 per cent) in Cardiff Malting.

HUNTLEIGH GROUP Sir J. Runt, chairman, and his wife, Lady Esme Jeanne Hunt, have each disposed of 30,000

# Christie-Tyler just 6pc ahead

The anticipated downturn in the furniture sector in 1980 is already showing through for Glamorgan-based furniture manufacturer, Christie-Tyler. manufacturer, Christie-Tyler.
Although turnover rose during
the first half, profits showed
reduced growth compared with

A deliberate policy of allow-

at pre-VAT increase prices hit

Henderson-Kenton's margins at

Pre-tax profits fell back by

28 per cent to £437,000 while

\$6.60. dollars a share in 1978.

Mr Robert O. Anderson, chairman, says this high-level performance is the basic support to the company's previously announced commitment to a \$350 record capital budget for 1980, compared with \$1.850 last year. About 71 per cent of the total capital budget is allocated to the development and delivery of domestic energy resources.

resources.
Mr Anderson attributes the

gain in 1979 primarily to higher crude oil prices, increased pro-duction from the north slope of Alaska and improved returns from sales of pertoleum pro-

Significant improvement in

the prices of copper and other metals, along with a stronger market for chemicals, were other factors in the company's

favourable performance for the

ducts.

the halfway stage.

vious year. cent to £1.6m and turnover increased by 17 per cent to £34.9m in the six months to October 31 1979, which was in line with the group's expecta-tions last autumn. But the tax mers.

**Henderson-Kenton slips** The share price lost 18p to ing customers to pay for goods 98p on the announcement. Bur the board stressed that although the full year results will not match last year's profits of £2m, trade has improved during

the January sales.
Credit sales, which now account for about 50 per cent of turnover and amount to a turnover rose by only 9 per cent to f13.3m in the six months to September 30, 1979. debt to the group of £15m, are also increasing in the second

The furniture retailing group decided to allow their customers to pay for goods already ordered at the 8 per cent VAT The interim dividend has been boosted by 25 per cent to 1.78p gross to reduce the disrate for two weeks after the increase was implemented, which it said reduced margins between interim and final dividends and Mr David Hyman, chairman, said that the final should be maintained but improved volume for a

Industrie Pirelli of Milan, principal operating company of the Pirelli tyre and cable group,

has shown a turnover gain of about 25 per cent in 1979 and

its operating loss was "considerably lower" than the

International

deficit of 28.6 billion lire in 1978, according to the chairman Signor Filiberto Pittini.

The net loss in 1979, however,

was likely to rise from the pre-vious year. That is because Pirelli offset almost all of the

1978 operating deficit with a capital gain of 26.5 billion lire from the sale of its skyscraper

Arco pushes income ahead by 45 pc

cuts, which Christie-Tyler believed would result in in-creased demand, failed to stimulate sales. The summer increase in VAT made trading conditions difficult, despite a short boom before the 61 per cent increase was passed on to custo-

Rosgill (1)
Throgmorton Trst (F) -(-)
64.5(65.4)

Mr George Williams, chair-man, said that the autumn, 2 normally buoyant period for the group, was also quieter than anticipated. This was due to the pre-VAT spending boom and reduced consumer expendi-ture. In addition, Christie believes that the current high in-terest rates have adversely affected sales.

The outlook for the second half is more gloomy although the group's performance in that period is usually better, Mr Williams forecasts that in the present economic circumstances the full-year results will be well below last year's £4.2m. The interim dividend has

been increased from 2.76p gross to 2.85p and Christie hopes to maintain the final of 6.7p gross.

disputes. Group turnover last

year rose to approximately one trillion lire from 797 billion in

1978. Higher volume accounted for about half of the sales gain

while the remainder was due

Venezuelan Eurocredit

The Venezuelan power com-

pany, Electricidad de Caracas,

has mandated Morgan Guaranty

Trust Co to raise a two-trunche

The first tranche of \$25m

to price increases.

\$50m Eurocredit

### total income rental from the properties concerned.

Atlantic Richfield of Los
Angeles has reported net
income of \$1.1bn or \$9.48 s
share for 1979. This is a 45 per
cent increase over the \$804m or
\$6.60. dollars a share in 1978.
Mr Robert O. Anderson,
chairman, save this high-lavel A 13.6 per cent rise in first-half profits to £119,000 was the six months to October 31, climbed by 49 per cent to £2.93m. The chairman, Mr Thomas Kenny, reports that the group continues to progress; the latest figures are not strictly comparable with 1978. No tax is deducted from the profits because there are still substantial tax losses available.

# Greenall Whitley

ditions. But the start-up costs of the foundry and redundancy payments will offset these benefits in the first half of the year. Record makes engineers' and woodworkers' hand tools and

Abbey Life's Property Fund increased in value by £81m to £365m in the year to October 22, 1979. The unit price rose by sidered prudent in view of the current high interest rates. In addition, a sample internal revaluation of the company's properties has shown "a substantial surplus," over book values. The current cost statement included with the accounts shows pretax profits reduced from £16.1m to £14.3m.

stock and work in progress on

by an increase in progress pay-

ments on these contracts of £13.3m. An increase in

creditors from £22.6m to £53m

creditors from increased turn-

over and provisions for liabili-

ties under sub-contracts placed

with Westland in connexion with contracts with Arab British

For the Record Ridgway group's United Kingdom com-panies, the current year is

again likely to be difficult be-cause of the high cost of money, the rate of inflation and

the strength of sterling. This warning comes from Mr Antony B. Hampton, the chairman, in his annual statement. The increasing advantages of costreduction and the capital investment.

ment programme will strengthen the companies' ability to meet the adverse con-

due to an incresse

Record Ridgway's

warmings

Abbey Life's Property Occidental

much the largest property fund for private investors (as opposed to those for tax-exempt organizations such as CCA would halve charities or pension funds), bad Westland's results an active year. The managers disposed of 16 properties for Westland Aircraft's annual report reveals that current cost accounting would reduce pre-tax profits from £15.3m to £6.4m. The balance sheet shows

some £9.6m, compared with the aggregate book cost of £3.5m. On the acquisition side, 17 new properties have been added or contracted for, for a total of £17.6m. An additional £3.23m major long-term contracts in-creased by £15.3m, but Lord Aldington, the chairman, explains this was largely offset has been enrmarked for six more properties. On the income front, there were 74 rent reviews in the last fund year, which more than doubled the

20.7 per cent. well up with the leaders in the property bond performance tables.

The fund the oldest and

### Interim progress at Grimshawe Hldgs

reported yesterday by Grim-shawe Holdings, the industrial group with interests in the DLY, market and protective surface coatings. Turnover, for

# cuts borrowings

a spread of 2 per cent over United States prime rate, while the second tranche of \$25m, also over ten years, carries a spread of 2 per cent over London Interburk Offered Recent Interburk Interburk Offered Recent Interburk Interb don Interbank Offered Rates. date, a £5m loan facility has forgings.

### Chemical Fund valued at £365m chooses new chairman Mr Charles M. Doscher is to pecome chairman of Occidental

Chemical Europe, on February Mr G. J. Waters has joined the board of Spembly as director, technical services division. Mr B. J. Bowles is now director/

general manager of Grafton Optical. Both companies are members of the Leadenhall Sterling group.
Mr I. D. Glen has been so pointed to the board of Rubba-

Mr Ian Hawkins is the new managing director of Clifford Partitioning Company. Mr Erik J. Skog and Mr Robert F. Carroll have been named as financial directors by Harlands of Hull. Mr. J. B. Davies has been appointed export sales director of Harland

Machine Systems.
Mr E. C. Baltes and Mr. S. Mulier become directors of M. W. Marshall & Co with effect from February 1, 1980. Mr C. J. K. Kelson, Mr M. Pearce and Mr R. H. Smith become assistant directors. Mr F. J. Haughton is to be a director of Mershalls (Ireland). Four new directors appointed by UKF Fertilisers are Mr Hugh

le Boutillier, personnel direc-tor; Mr John Coleman, finance director; Mr James Cooper, marketing director, and Mr Richard Tabor, sales director.
Mr Cooper has also been made at \$\$\$Ue5

Fartilisers.

Mr I. S. Richards has been named a director of A.R.E. Chambers Underwriting Agency. Mr Daniel Cohen has become financial director and controller of Saccone & Speed.
Mr Peter J. Duff has joined

the board of Caravans Inter-national as a non-executive director. Mr Keith Potts has become financial director of Ofrex.

Mr G. W. Mackworth-Young has been appointed a non-executive director of Lloyds Bank and Lloyds Bank UK Management wit heffect from April 11 1980.

11, 1980, Mr P. B. L. Clark is the new general manager of the over-seas division of Lloyds Bank. drick who retires at the end of April. The new assistant general manager of the division is over P. B. F. Emmerson.

Mr Frank Walker is now a director of Willis, Faber &

Mr A. J. West is now managing director of Baco Contracts. Other directors are: Mr D. I. Rose, sales and marketing, and Mr R. H. J. FitzHerbert,

Mr Warren Bradley has been appointed personnel director of TI Tower Housewares.

appointed personnel director of TI Tower Housewares.

Mr John Barber has been appointed a non-executive director of Good Relations Holdings and the Good Relations Group.

Mr Geoffrey Sutcliffe has been appointed senior international executive for the Africa and Middle East region of National Westminster Bank's international banking division, based in the City. He succeeds Mr E. F. Nightingale who is redring.

Mr Hector Watts has been appointed managing director and chief executive of London & Scottish Marine Oil Company. Mr R. B. Fox becomes managing director, exploration and production; Mr E. G. Barnard becomes executive director, and Mr D. A. Ferguson becomes a director.

Mr Christopher Foy has joined the board of Van den Berghs & Jurgens as personnel director. He succeeds Mr Clive Welland who has been appointed to the personnel division of Unilever NV in Rotterdam.

Mr Ian A. N. Irvine has been appointed to the personned division of the Industrial

of John Mowlem and Company.

Mr Edward F. Maynard has
joined the Manson Byng Group

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British Anzani

# Blériot pioneers may fly again

British Anzani, the Kent-based group whose shares were suspended more than two years ago as it struggled to free itself from the effects of the 1974-75 property crash, is to attempt to have its shares requoted.

The one-time outboard motor group, now

headed by solicitor Mr Ivor Shrago expects to make an announcement in the next few weeks At the moment, he is still conducting delicate negoriations over some remaining property and land and the company stresses that any progress for Anzani hinges on their success. The caution is well justified. Last autumn British Anzani were promising a statement "within a few days", which failed to materialize.

Company secretary Mr Frank Hornett said: "If talks are successful and I stress these are at a very delicate stage, we should be making a statement in a couple of weeks which will outline the new structure and our progress."

The group then expects to log two years of annual returns with the Stock Exchange, which I understand, the Exchange is auxious for them to complete. No figures have been reported since 1977.

The news, when it comes, will be welcomed by Anzani's 5,000 shareholders whose combined 26 million shares have been worth little more than 161p, the price at suspension in November

They would be grateful for any news at all. The last time they were contacted officially was in April 1977 with the group half-time figures. for the six months to September 30 which showed pretax loss of £623,000. "But we have kept them informed", said Mr Hornett. "I suppose I have ten or 15 calls a week from shareholders wanning to know

what is happening." What is happening is that the group has been trying to get its borrowings down from the £21m of two years ago. A pro-forma balance-sheet in March, 1977, showed bank overdrafts and short-term loans amounted to £8m. It is understood to be less than that If current talks go well, British Anzani should

emerge with a scrap metal processing business, a civil engineering and construction division, 25 acres of land in Kent and an empty 60,000 square ft office block in Sittingbourne. If the group comes back at around its suspension price its low has been 7p—it will have a market price tag of £4.16m. In its heyday in 1972, the group was worth £20m.

British Anzani was a company started by an Italian, French-trained engineer at the start of the century and named after him. It specialized in aero engines and its products powered Blériot on his pioneer cross-channel flight 70 years ago.

But by the time it came to market in 1951,
British Anzaui was noted for its outboard-motor

The group expanded into lawn mowers, but its major change of direction came in 1966 when scrap merchant brothers Stanley and Gerald Fauli reversed their business into

The metal processing arm did not stay a big profit earner for long and when it began to hit a recession, the group aimed at joining the glamorous and, as it turned out, high-flying world of property tycoons.

They turned their 82-acre quarry site off the A20 our of Maidstone into an industrial estate and attempted an ambitions film con-

estate and attempted an ambitious £10m container terminal near to the planned north docks at Felixstowe. But by 1974, the group passed its final dividend as profits turned into losses and it has not paid shareholders since. Mr Gerald Fauli, who till owns 1.3 million Anzani shares, stepped down as chairman in October, 1978.

Philip Robinson



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Mr Ian A. N. Irvine has been appointed to the Industrial Development Advisory Board.
Mr Colin F. Popham has been appointed a non-executive director of John Mowlem and Company.

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margins over two points tighter \$1.5 per cent.

In the first half the group, which trades under the Prestige. Skyline, Ewbank, O-Cedar and Old Hall brand names, was hampered by the road haulage strike and an internal dispute, while the second six months were hit by the engineering strike.



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Mr. D. Lawman, chairman of Prestige Group.

The strength of the pound has also posed problems, both on trading grounds and the translation of foreign assets. According to the group the rise in sterling cost £300,000 in the year, against a previous credit of £100,000.

However, Prestige, with its special type of housewares such as pressure cookers and floor cleaners, has been more immune to foreign competition than such groups as Noover

than such groups as Noover where despite the buoyancy of the market sales have been lost

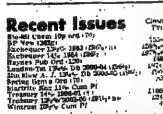
to importers.

The full year dividend has been raised by a tenth to 9.8p gross where the shares, unchanged at 148p yesterday, yield 6.6 per cent and trade at almost eight times fully taxed earnings. The net dividend is covered three times.

### Options.

Traded options surged mead with total contracts expanding from the previous day's figures of 619 to 1,022 Dealers reported some well-spread business although Ratal attracted the most contracts with 248 contract the bighest since its introducthe highest since its introduction last month. Interest here included the new series of 240p February, May and August and was brought about by the group's recent bid for Decca and hopes of lucrative contracts in the event of an increased defence budget.

Traditional options had a quieter time although some interest centred on oil shares such as, BP Premier and Chaterhall.



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# market

on a very large scale yesterday to relieve a market still suffering strains from the recent huge gift sales by the authorities. Again the major part of this assistance was provided by overnight loans at MLR. Six or seven houses bor-

small purchases of Treasury bills, both from banks and houses, small local authority bill purchases from the houses, and a small amount of eligible bank bills.

As before, there was really only one ruling rate for secured money throughout the day : the 17 per opened and closed. Just before the finish, some houses were able to pick up comparatively willing sums around 161 per cent.

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# Wall Street

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by Strikes

By Alison Mitchell

Prestige Group, one of the largest manufacturers of household goods outside of the United States, has turned in reduced annual profits as a result of a series of industrial disputes, both internal and national.

Although the group do not quantify the cost of the strikes pre-tax profits in 1979 fell by film to £5.8m on turnover up slightly from £59m to £62m.

At the trading level profits fell as seventh to £5.9m leaving margins over two points tighter at 9.5 per cent.

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# Foreign exchange report

The overnight drop against the dollar was extended to 2.2470 initially by the pound yesterday, but it soon steadied with the aid of modest Bank of England support. After a peak of 2.2600 during the afternoon the close was 2.2520 against the dollar, just 35 point up on balance. On a trade-weighted busis, sterling eased to 71.4 from 71.6, but this reflected Monday night's late fail in dollar forms. The dollar kept very steady throughout, with few taking short position, ahead of America's latest trade figures. At 1.7368, a one-time fall against the D mark was reased against the D mark was erased. A small net gain was recorded over the Prench franc. 4.0652 (4.0635). The Swiss franc. 1.6165 (1.6175), went slightly in the opposite direction. The yen improved to 239.35 (previously-240.15).

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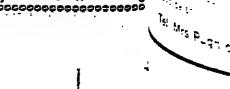
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# **Property**

# Demand for homes by the water

Houses which are close to, or have views of water are always popular and usually command something of a premium even in an uncertain market. It does not seem to matter whether the water in question is a river, lake or stream, the attraction is there and any property which enjoys such a view will be just that much more likely to find a buyer easily than another without it.

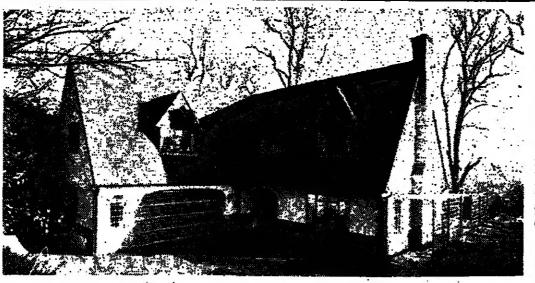
One such property now for sale is Forest Lodge, on the side of Winter Hill, near Cookham Dean, Berkshire.

Its high position gives it fine views across the Thames valley and the river towards

Marlow and the Chiltera The house itself is believed to have been built in about 1790 as an estate lodge, but it has been modernized and extended to provide two reception rooms and four bedrooms. There is a garden of about one-third of an acre and the property adjoins National Trust land, with woodland behind. Offers of about £90,000 are required through the agents, Jackson-Stops and Staff, of

Another property on high ground with views over the Thames valley is Conkers, at Marlow, a modern house in the chalet style built in 1976. It has an unusual design, with a steeply pitched tile roof with dormer windows, and some leaded light windows. It has two main reception rooms, a study, five bedrooms and three bathrooms, two of which are en suite. There is a small garden with an area of York paving around the house. Offers in the region of £130,000 are being asked through Savills, London.

A property with a stream running through its grounds is Brimfield Hall, in the vil-lage of Brimfield, some four miles from Ludlow, Hertford- Thorpe and Partners.



Conkers, at Marlow, Buckinghamshire, contemporary design at about £130,000.

shire. The house is believed to date from 1812 and has accommodation which includes three reception rooms, a study, a main bedroom and dressing room, and four other bedrooms. Gardens and grounds extend to about 25 acres and the stream running through them is the Taddy, a tributary of the River Teme, and two trout ponds. Offers of between £75,000 and £85,000 are being asked through Bernard

rooms and five bedrooms. In the annexe there are a

A stream and a water gar- bathroom and kitchen. There den are also features of Forge are communicating doors Cottages, at Hascombe, near between the two parts of the Godalming, in Surrey. The building at ground and first house is interesting having floor levels. Gardens and house is interesting, having grounds run to about 12 acres been two or more dwellings and include an extensive built about 1800, which now range of loose boxes and has a separate annexe as part other outbuildings, as well as of the main building. Accommodation in the main part
includes three reception the original old forge building from which the property
takes its name. Offers are being asked in the region of £100,000 to £125,000 and the sitting room and two bedagents are Messenger May rooms as well as an extra Bayerstock, of Godalming.

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modern house at Battle, tion includes two reception rooms, two ground floor bedrooms, one of which is now used as a study, and two more bedrooms upstairs. The price is £58,950, through Braxtons, of Battle. Another modern house is

Morewell, at Ightham, Kent, a single storey house built in 1964, to an advanced design and specification, with kitchen and living rooms on an open plan which offers unusually well defined func-tional areas. The basic accommodation is reception rooms, a playroom and four bedrooms. It stands in about half an acre of land and is for sale at £70,000 through Cluttons, of London. Several items of interest are included in an auction

Town Hall at Henley-onis called Rocky Lane Farm, tions. It has brick walls,

reason is Spring Bank, a the items is a sixteenth century house with three recep-Sussex, which was built in tion rooms, eight bedrooms 1973 and is notable for the and four bathrooms, set in high degree of insulation nine acres of grounds, which incorporated in its construction, with aluminium foil to thing in the region of floors, walls and ceilings, E200,000. A further farm double glazing and an insu-house to be offered was forlated roof space. Accommoda- merly two farm cottages and needs modernization and improvement.

Accommodation here comprises two reception rooms, four bedrooms and a bathroom, but there is an unconverted second kitchen and a second bathroom. With about half an acre of garden it is expected to make about £60,000. One other item is a building site with planning permission for a four bedroomed farm house adjoining the village of Satwell, which is being offered with some three 52 acres and is expected to make about £100,000.

Something over £180,000 is expected for Delamers House, at Great Wymondley, near Hitchin, Hertfordshire. The present house seems to date largely from the 1650s, to be held by Bernard when it was built to incor-Thorpe and Parmers in the porate parts of an earlier timber framed maner house, Thames, Oxfordshire, on and also has some eighteenth March 5. The whole property and nineteenth century addi-

Interesting for a different at Rotherfield Greys. One of stone mullioned windows and gables in the Dutch style, and has a grade two listing as being of special architec-tural or historic interest. Inside are some good panelling and a fine Elizabethan

staircase. The accommodation inciudes a large entrance hall. three reception rooms, a combined kitchen and breakfast room, four main bedrooms. a dressing room and three further rooms and a kitchenette, which could provide a separate flat. Gardens and grounds extend to some 31 acres and include outbuild. ings set around a courtyard. The sale is through Knight Frank and Rutley, and Connells, of Hitchin.

Also with a grade two list-ing is De Langle House, at Chartham, near Canterbury, Kent, which itself is part of a larger house believed to have been built at the begin-ning of the eighteenth century. Here, there are three reception rooms, five bed-rooms and three attic rooms. Outbuildings consist of an old coach house used for garaging and stabling and there is a walled garden. The price is £67,500 and the agents are Ashendens, of

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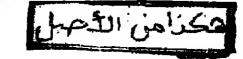
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women. Close down at 10.45.

11.00 Play School: Same as BBC 1,
3.55. Close down at 11.25.
5.35 pm Laurel and Hardy: Live Ghost! (1934). Stanley and Oliver are shanghaied. On board, they see a "ghost".

5.55 Pride and Prejudice: Second showing of part 3 of Pay Weldon's adaptation of the Jane Austen classic. We meet the very grand Lady Catherine de Bourgh (Judy Parlint), and Elizabeth and Darcy have another encounter.

6.50 The Master Game: International Chess Tournament. The third game, between Helmut Pfleger, of West Germany, and ● It is both end of term and course at War School (BBC 1, 9.25) and the seven officers at the Army Staff College, Camberley, who during the past four weeks have left us in doubt as to their feelings about the war game and their theoretical part in it, get their postings. Beyond conceding the point that the genes a man gets lumbered with as a baby are important to the process, General Sir Frank Kitson, the college commander, is not forthcoming about what it takes to make a good general, but, right to the end, the officers continue to shoot from the shoulder, deploring Britain's unpreparedness for chemical warfare and its antiquated plans for civil defence, and branding as "a great jape, frivolous" a college demonstration of an enemy nuclear attack staged to the strains of "Oh! What a Lovely War", nuclear attack staged to the strains of "Oh! What a Lovely War"

There was a compelling reason why the comedy-laced thriller Hazell and the Public Enemy (ITV, 9.00), which was made as long ago as September, 1978, could not be transmitted last year as ago as September, 1978, could not be transmitted last year as planned. The part of Jack Horner, a gangster and murderer, is played by John Bindon, and when the film was scheduled to be transmitted, Mr Bindon was due to face trial at Old Bailey on a charge of murder at a yacht club in Putney; in November last year, he was found not guilty and acquitted. So, the curiosity value of tonight's film is considerable. But, in my view, an even better reason for watching it is that Hazell, the cockney private eye, is played with perky authority by Nicholas Ball, a thinking actor if ever there was one.

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# **Broadcasting Guide**

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# TELEVISION

BBC 1

BBC 2

9.05 am For Schools, Colleges, Engineering (corrosion); 9.35 Science (tertilization); 9.38 Let's Co (for mentally handicapped); 10.12 Words and Pictures; 10.30 Home Economics (microquirlents); 11.02 Science, estreamline Science (streamlining). 11.25 You and Me; Friends (r).

11.40 Schools, Colleges: History (Greeks and the sea); 12.05 pm Russian-language and People: part 2 (the alphabet), Clusedown at 12.30, 12.45 News and weather.

1.00 Pebble Mill at One: Victorian class walking sticks and glass hells.
1.45 Playboard: Hare and Tortoise (r). 2.01 Schools, Cotteges, Watch (Robinson Crusoe); 2.18 Near and Far (the volcano); 2.40 Communi-cate I (making a television pro-gramme). Closedown at 3.00

3.25 Children's Wardrobe : Ann tabard, 3.55 Play School: Francoise's story

10.20 am Gharbar: For Asian women, Close down at 10.45.

The Big Rain, 4.20 Pixie and Dixie. 9.25 War School: Last in the Cartoon, Scaredy Cat Dag (r).
4.25 Jackanory: Geoffrey Hinsliff continues reading Joe Burkin-shaw's Progress.

4.40 Take Hart: Tony Hart and the small face that grows. 5.00 John Craven's Newscound: Junior news-5.05 Our John Willie: Final part of the drama, by Catherine Cookson; about two boys who find a skeleton buried in their benefactor's

buried in their benefactor's garden.

5.35 The Perishers: Leonard Rossiter in a short comedy (r).

5.40 News: with Angela Rippon.

5.55 Nationwide.

6.50 Film: If It's Tuesday, This Must be Belgium (1969). Hectacomedy about American tourists" doing "Europe in 18 days. With Suganne Pleshette, Ian McShane, Mildred Natwick.

8.25 The Two Rounies: Repeat of one of the Rounie Barker/Rounie Corbett comedies. With Barbara Dickson.

9.00 News: with Peter Woods.

Walter Browne, of the United States, William Hartston provides the analysis. All the move, are given, every week, in The Listener, 7.20 News; with sub-titles for the

7.20 News: with sub-titles for the hard of hearing.
7.30 Cricket: Australia v West Indies. Highlights from the third Test, from Adelaide.
8.00 Mr Smith's Indoor Garden: Geoffrey Smith proves you can grow exorte plants like coffee and dates from seed, and lemons from pips—if you can provide the right conditions.
8.25 Mentioned in Despatches: conditions.

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Profile of British photographer
Tim Page, seriously injured in
Victnam, who produced some
magnificent picture, of the war.
He acted as visual adviser on the
tilm Apocalypse Now.

5.00 PM.
5.55 Weather.
6.00 News.
7.00 News.
7.05 The Archers.
7.20 Checkpoint.
7.45 On the Town.
8.30 A Sideways Look.
8.45 Analysis.
9.30 Kaleidoscope.
10.00 The World Tonight.
10.30 Give or Take.
11.15 Financial World Tonight.
11.30 Today in Parliament.
12.00 News.
12.15 am-12.25 Weather.
VIP 9.00 Film: Damu Yankees (1958). Very mediocre film version of the Broadway musical. The old Faust legend is given a baseball setting. With Tab Hunter (Faust), Gwen Vernon and Ray Weiston (the

series of documentaries about Army officers in training (see Per-sonal Choice).

sonal Choice).

9.55 Sportsnight: A triple decker—
a report on the Brezilian Grand
Prix; highlights from the European
Two-Man Bobsleigh Championship
in Switzerland, and, finally, the
traditional gala at the close of the
European Ice Skating Championbing in Grybanhure

ships in Gorbenburg. 19.45 Parkinson: Michael Parkin-

son's guests are Alan Alda (from M\*A\*5\*H), Rene Cutforth and Jimmy Savile.

11.45 News headlines.

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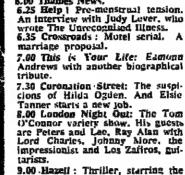
10.45 Newsnight: A Look at the headlines—and behind them. Third programme in this new series first week of life. With an update of the night's top stories by Fran Morrison, at 11.15 approximately. 11.30 Open Door: Killer Joe. The Explosives, a mainly black dance group based at the North London College of Further Education, tell the story of Killer Joe.

12.00 Close down: Patric Dickin-son's poem As One Gets Older is read by Lyndon Brook (r).



Nicholas Ball in Hazell and the Public Enemy (ITV, 9.00)

son's chat show. married couples. 4.15 The Sooty Show: Matthew 5.45 News.



10.30 Mid-Week Sports Special: Highlights from a FA Cup replay, and the Daily Mirror Champions Cup (gymnastics) from the Royal Albert Hall. 12,00 Spooner's Patch: Comedy about a police station. With Ronald Frazer as Inspector RADIO

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Radio 4

Mercenary. 12.55 Weather.

1.00 The World at One. 1.40 The Archers.

2.00 News. 2.02 Woman's Hour. 3.00 News. 3.02 Listen With Mother.

12.00 News. 12.02 pm You and Yours. 12.27 Plays. How Far to Run;

3.02 Listen With Mother.
3.15 Play: Gloria's Baptism, by
Lorna Bradley.†
4.00 Choral Evensons.†
4.45 Story: In the Square.
5.00 PM.

Poems: Nature. 5.50 Regional news, weather. 11.00-11.30 Study on 4: Sur le vif 6.00 am News Briefing. 6.10 Farming Today, 6.30 Tuday, 7.90, 8.80 News, 7.30, 8.30 Headlines 8.33 Vesterday in Parliament, 8.93 Vesterday in Parliament,

Radio 3 5.30 am-7.35 (mw only from 7.00) Cricket: Australia v West Indies. 6.55-7.00 Weather. 10.00 News.
10.05 Gardeners' Question Time.
10.30 Dally Service.
10.54 The Wooden Horse (8).
11.05 Baker's Dozen.

7.00 (thf only) News. 11.02 Brian Matthew. 2.02 am- 5.00 (thf only until 7.35) Records: You and the Night and the Music.†... Tchaikovsky, Deorak, Liszt.† 8.00 News. 8.05 Records: Haydn (sym 22). Radio 1

Allegri, L. Mozart.†
9.60 News.
9.05 Week's Composer: Beethoven
(incl pro Conc 3—Barkhaus).†
10.00 Organ: Leighton, Telemann, 10.35 Violin, piano : Britten, Ravel, G. Langford, Cullier, Robert Russell Bennett.† 11.25 BBC Scottish SO/Rattle, pt I: Samt-Saens, Gruber (Franken-

stein).† 12.05 pm Interval reading. 12.10 BBC SSO, pt 2 : Tenaikovsky,

Stravinsky.†
1.00 News.
1.05 Plano (Ranki, live from Broadcasting House): Beethoven (op 27 no 1), Stravinsky, Kurtag, Liszt.†
2.05 Music Weekly.†
2.55 All Across the USA: folkmusic 3.35 BBC Northern SO/Leppard: Britten (Pno Conc), Arnold (Sym

4.53 News.
5.00 Music for early evening.†
7.00 Music Now.
7.43 Record: Stravinsky (Dumbarton Oaks).†
8.00 BBC SO.Rozhdestvensky (live from Festival Hail), pt 1: Glazunov (Les ruses d'amouri.†
8.40 Six Continents; world news.
9.00 BBC SO, pt 2: Rachmaninov (Francesca da Rimini).†
10.25 Story: A Pleasant Place, by Freda Bromhead.
10.45 Plano (Postnikova): Bortniansky, Medtner, Mussurgsky.†
11.55-12.00 News. VHF 6.50 am Regional news, weather, 7.50 Regional news, weather, 9.05-10.30 For Schools: History in Evidence; Advanced Studies— 9.05-10.30 For Schools: History in Evidence; Advanced Studies— 10.25 Story: A Pleasant Place, by English; Poetry Corner; Music Makers; Something to Think About.

10.45-12.00 For Schools: The Music Box; By the People, for the People; Inquiry; Quest.

2.00 pm-3.00 For Schools: Movement and Drawa 1; Books, Plays.

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10.45 Plano (Postnikova): Borthinks, Medtmer, Mussurgsky.†

11.55-12.00 News.

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5.00 am News, weather. 5.04 Steve

Jones.† 7.32 Terry Wogan.† 10.03\*
Jimmy Young.† 12.03 pm David
Hamilton.† 2.03 Ed Stewart.† 4.03
Much More Music.† 5.00 News.
5.05 Wagsoners' Walk. 5.20 Much
More Music.† 6.03 John Dunn.†
8.02 Listen to the Band.† 8.45 Alan
Dell. 9.15 Magnc of the Musicals.†
9.55 Sports Desk. 10.02 Stop the
World. 10.30 George Chisholm.\*
11.02 Brian Marthew. 2.02 am- 5.00
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S.00 am As Radio 2, 6.00 Dave Lee Travis, 9.00 Simon Bates, 11.31 Paul Burnett, 2.00 pm And, Peebles, 4.31 Kid Jensen, 7.00 Mailbag, 8.00 Mike Read, 9.50 Newsbeat, 10.00 John Peel. † 12.00 500 m As Padio 2 5 00 am As Radio 2. VHF RADIOS 1 AND 2: 5.00 am With Radio 2, 10.00 pm With Radio 1, 12.00-5.00 am With Radio

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9.30 am For Schools: Politics (pressure groups); 9.52 My World (patial relationships); 10.10 How we Used to Live (Harrogate); 10.33 French (burglary); 11.04 Stop, Look, Listen (metal); 11.16 Finding Out (Paris buildings); 11.36 How we Used to Live (Victorian farm labourers)

THAMES

12.00 The Adventures of Rupert Bear: Pupper Story (r).
12.10 pm Rainbow: Songs and stories about swinging.
12.30 The Sullivans: Australian lamily serial. More about John Sullivan's breakdown. 1.00 News.

1.20 Thames News,
1.30 The Squirreis: Comedy about office life. With Bernard Repton, Ken Jones (r). 2.00 After Noon Plus: Presentation to the winners of the designers of the best British business calendar. In the studio: Andrew Lloyd Web-2.45 The Outsiders: Outdoors

adventure about an old man (Andrew Keir) and his young friend (Sascha Hehn) who roam the roads of Australia. Today: au attack on a descried gold mining 3.45 Hobson's Choice : Derck Hob-



Corhet with his puppers. Also, escapologist Shahid Malik.
4.45 The Book Tower: Tom Baker's review of children's books.
5.15 Mr and Mrs: Truth game, for

6.00 Thames News,
6.25 Help 1 Pre-menstrual tension.
An interview with Judy Lever, who
The Unrecognised illness. wrote The Unrecognised Illness. 6.35 Crossroads: Motel serial. A 7.00 This is Your Life: Eamonn Andrews with another biographical

7.30 Curonation Street: The suspi-cions of Hilda Ogden. And Elsie Tanner starts a new job. 8.00 London Night Out: The Tom O'Connor variety show. His guests are Peters and Lee, Ray Alan with Lord Charles, Johnny More, the impressionist and Los Zafiros, gui-

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12.25 am Close: Poems, read by in Danger, 1.20 News 1.30 Surs on the Menuhins, Yehudi and his wife 1.20 News, 1.30 Surs on the Menuhins, Yehudi and his wife 1.200 News, 12.05 am Eutiln's Grand Masters Daris.

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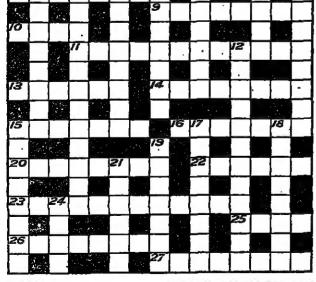
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1 Beat a saint, or train a headwear (6).

Priest here in Dyfed (8).

7 Mount seen going through 9 Spray—a tiny bit is seen by East River (8). 10 Bare sort of hillside (4).

tapone's enemies? (8).

15 Must be made to try (7).
16 Thousands round the race-course, lucky things! (7).
20 Unusual for Jack to take girl money (8).

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22 Eastern Libourer of Inw degree? That's the answer (6).

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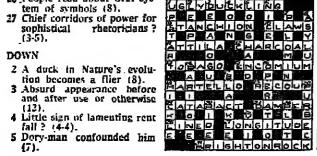
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6 French maid with West End headwear (6). Trossachs (4). 8 Perhaps property managers get letters written about cor-

11 Luggage left with someone
—given a drink by us (12).
12 Person contemplating carrying a German rifle? (6).
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